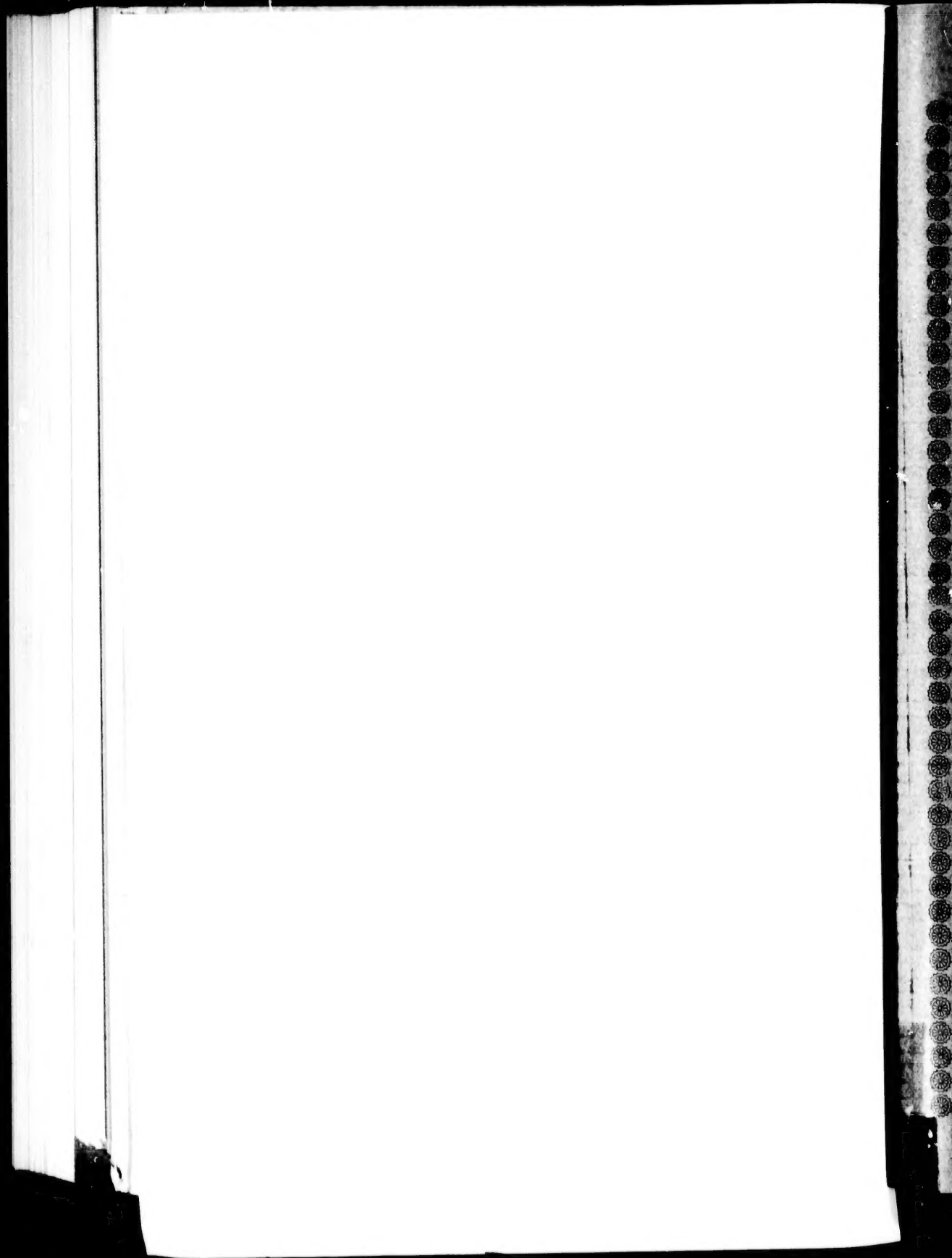




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TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION.

KAMLOOPS, B. C.

9th June, 1897.

The Grand Lodge assembled at 10 o'clock a. m. this day pursuant to notice.

Present :—

H. B. Gilmour.....	Grand Master.
W. H. Morton.....	Deputy Grand Master.
A. Henderson.....	Grand Warden.
Fred'k Davey.....	" Secretary.
J. E. Phillips, P.G.M.....	" Representative.
D. Welsh.....	" Representative.
S. W. Edwards.....	" Chaplain.
W. E. Johnstone.....	" Marshal.
A. Wilson.....	" Herald.

The Grand Marshal examined all present and reported them duly qualified.

The Grand Secretary having reported a quorum present, the Grand Chaplain offered prayer and the Grand Lodge was declared open for business.

The Grand Master appointed the following to fill vacancies :—J. R. Webster, P. G., No. 10, as Grand

Treasurer ; E. C. Davison, P. G., No. 9, as Grand Guardian ; and G. E. Norris, P. G., No. 5, as Grand Herald.

The Grand Secretary presented the Credentials of the Representatives elect, together with the Certificates of the Past Grands entitled to receive the Grand Lodge Degree, which were referred to the following Committee : D. Welsh, No. 13 ; W. E. Johnstone, No. 8 ; J. E. Phillips, P. G. M., No. 4.

The Committee on Credentials presented the following Report which was adopted.

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I.O.O.F. :

Your Committee on Credentials beg to report that they have examined the Credentials of the Representatives to this Session and find the following duly accredited:—

LODGE.	REPRESENTATIVES.	ALTERNATES.
Victoria, No. 1....	J. York.	R. Roberts, P. G. M.
	W. H. Huxtable.	F. Carne, P. G. M.
Columbia, No. 2.....	R. L. Allen.	R. W. Fawcett.
	J. Pope.	P. W. Dempster.
	J. H. Meldram, P.G.M.	M. Baker.
New Westminster, No. 3.	T. A. Muir.	J. E. Phillips, P.G.M.
	J. H. Hughes.	W. S. Smith.
Dominion, No. 4.....	W. Walker.	R. Drake.
	T. Bamford.	Geo. Glover.
Black Diamond, No. 5...	G. E. Norris.	H. McAdie.
	D. G. Dailey.	G. Ramsay.
Harmony, No. 6.....	T. F. Haggart.	A. Robertson.
	J. J. Taylor.	D. J. Matheson.
Excelsior, No. 7.....	A. H. Gillanders.	J. H. Ashwell.
Vancouver, No. 8.....	T. F. Neelands.	J. McPherson.
	J. A. McKay.	A. Miller.
Tatnai, No. 9.	E. C. Davison.	E. T. W. Pearse.
Western Star, No. 10...	W. Hogg.	J. R. Webster.
	A. Parker.	C. H. Mowat.
	D. O'Dwyer.	A. McAllister.
Union, No. 11.....	F. A. Auley.	W. D. Cessford.
Selkirk, No. 12.....	W. H. Bonus.	J. H. Stirrett.

LODGE.	REPRESENTATIVES.	ALTERNATES.
Royal City, No. 13	Jno. Campbell.	H. Gilley.
Acme, No. 14	J. Macmillan.	W. H. Handley.
Cloverdale, No. 15	T. R. Patterson.	H. T. Thrift.
Kootenay, No. 16	A. E. Lott.	E. C. Arthur.
Duncan, No. 17	J. C. McLay.	C. H. Dickie.
Vernon Valley, No. 18	F. B. Jacques.	S. T. Smith.
Mount Pleasant, No. 19	V. Hicks.	R. Mills.
Centennial, No. 20	Jno. Newton.	G. McKinnell.
	F. S. Whiteside.	E. G. Pannell.
Delta, No. 21	W. B. Skinner.	J. F. Stainton.
Gold Range, No. 22	P. Wade.	J. Z. Choate.
Ashcroft, No. 23	W. Shaw.	J. C. Smith.
Island, No. 24	G. W. Shay.	S. Churchill.
Revelstoke, No. 25	R. S. Wilson.	T. Mesley.
Pacific, No. 26	J. Stark.	S. L. Curry.
	G. R. Gordon.	W. E. Flummerfelt.
	G. L. Center.	W. Davis.
	G. W. Rowland.	
Amity, No. 27	A. H. Ferguson.	
	W. H. Lewis.	
	R. J. Kilpatrick.	
Cheam, No. 28	A. A. Farwell, M. D.	B. Vance.
Friendship, No. 30	A. Dunlop.	N. McCuish.
Banner, No. 31	D. D. Griffiths.	R. H. Holmes.
Peerless, No. 33	W. J. Hanna.	J. W. Speed.
	W. R. Mackintosh.	
	D. McMillan.	
Rocky Mountain, No. 34	H. G. Parsons.	O. A. Warren.
Cedar, No. 35	G. Woobank.	H. L. Bates.
Roseland, No. 36	H. J. Raymer.	J. Jackson, Jr.
Carson, No. 37	O. B. Nelson.	E. Spraggett.

Also that the following Past Grands are entitled to the Grand Lodge Degree:—

Victoria, No. 1	E. E. Leason.
Columbia, No. 2	G. T. Fox, R. L. Allen.
New Westminster, No. 3	J. H. Hughes, W. S. Smith.
Dominion, No. 4	F. J. Holland, W. Merrifield.
Black Diamond, No. 5	S. Price, R. Hirst.
Harmony, No. 6	J. J. Taylor, T. F. Haggart.
Vancouver, No. 8	C. H. Nye, A. R. Foxley.
Tatnai, No. 9	J. S. Smith, T. L. Bloomer.
Western Star, No. 10	J. R. Webster, C. H. Mowat.
Union, No. 11	F. A. Auley, W. D. Cessford.

Selkirk, No. 12..... W. H. Bonus, J. Mack, J. Tappan, J. Harte.
 Acme, No. 14..... W. H. Handley, J. Jackson.
 Cloverdale, No. 15..... W. H. Frampton, G. G. MacLennan.
 Kootenay, No. 16..... A. E. Lott, P. B. C. Turner.
 Duncan, No. 17..... J. C. McLay.
 Vernon Valley, No. 18... S. T. Elliott.
 Mount Pleasant, No. 19.. T. B. Coston R. H. Pool.
 Centennial, No. 20..... J. Newton, J. A. Bittancourt.
 Gold Range, No. 22... J. Z. Choate, P. Wade.
 Ashcroft, No. 28..... J. C. Smith, W. Shaw.
 Island, No. 24..... G. W. Shay, S. Churchill.
 Revelstoke, No. 25..... A. Mesley.
 Pacific, No. 26..... G. R. Gordon.
 Amity, No. 27..... R. J. Kilpatrick, E. Walmsley.
 Cheam, No. 28..... J. Lennon, B. Vance.
 Friendship, No. 30..... N. McCuish, A. Dunlop.
 Peerless, No. 33..... D. McMillan, J. W. Speed.
 Rocky Mountain, No. 34. H. G. Parsons, M. Dainard.
 Carson, No. 37..... O. B. Nelson, E. Spraggett.

JOS. E. PHILLIPS,
 W. E. JOHNSTONE.
 D. WELSH.

The Grand Marshal retired and introduced the following Past Grands in waiting on whom the Grand Lodge Degree was conferred:

R. L. Allen, No. 2; J. H. Hughes, No. 3; A. H. Gillanders, No. 7; J. A. McKay, No. 8; T. L. Bloomer, G. Loney, J. S. Smith, J. A. Aikins, V. D. Currie, F. H. Nelson, J. McIvor, No. 9; J. R. Webster, D. O'Dwyer, No. 10; W. H. Handley, No. 14; T. R. Patterson, No. 15; J. C. McLay, No. 17; V. Hicks, No. 19; J. Newton, No. 20; P. Wade, J. Z. Choate, No. 22; W. Shaw, No. 23; G. W. Shay, No. 24; G. R. Gordon, No. 26; R. J. Kilpatrick, No. 27; A. Dunlop, No. 30; D. McMillan, No. 33; G. Woobank, No. 35.

It was on motion *Resolved*,—That the minutes of last Session be adopted as printed,

It was moved, seconded and carried,—That the Grand Warden confer the Grand Lodge Degree on Rep. W. H. Bonus, No. 12, in the Ante Room.

The Roll of Officers and Representatives was called.

The Grand Master made the necessary appointments to fill the Standing Committees, which when complete, consisted as follows :

FINANCE.—S. W. Edwards, No. 14; W. R. Mackintosh, No. 33; F. S. Whiteside, No. 20; C. A. Warren, No. 34; A. H. Ferguson, No. 3.

APPEALS.—T. F. Neelands, No. 8; W. Hogg, No. 10; W. H. Huxtable, No. 1; A. Parker, No. 10; W. J. Hanna, No. 33.

LAWS OF SUBORDINATES.—J. E. Phillips, P. G. M., No. 4; A. Dunlop, No. 30; D. O'Dwyer, No. 10; J. Campbell, No. 13; T. R. Patterson, No. 15.

PETITIONS.—W. Walker, No. 4; D. G. Dailey, No. 5; J. A. McKay, No. 8; G. W. Shay, No. 24; W. H. Lewis, No. 13.

STATE OF THE ORDER.—E. C. Davison, No. 9; J. Stark, No. 26; T. A. Muir, No. 3; G. W. Rowland, No. 26; O. B. Nelson, No. 37.

LEGISLATION.—R. Roberts, P. G. M., No. 1; W. H. Handley, No. 14; G. Woobank, No. 35; J. H. Hughes, No. 3; F. B. Jacques, No. 18.

JUDICIARY.—G. L. Center, No. 26; J. H. Meldram, P. G. M., No. 2; H. J. Raymer, P. G. M., No. 36; W. H. Bonus, No. 12; A. E. Lott, No. 16.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.—A. A. Farwell, M. D., No. 28; R. L. Allen, No. 2; W. B. Skinner, No. 21; P. Wade, No. 22; W. Shaw, No. 23.

PRINTING.—Grand Secretary, Grand Warden, J. Newton, No. 20; R. J. Kilpatrick, No. 27; J. C. McLay, No. 17.

The Grand Master read his Report for the past year.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F.:

BRETHREN.—Time, in its triumphal march has brought us again to that period when we are permitted to assemble ourselves together for the twenty-third time as a Grand Lodge, to legislate for the unseen future. We come then to-day to the "health metropolis" of Canada, with our minds and hearts intent upon our duties. Let us therefore commence our work with sincere and grateful hearts for blessings bestowed upon us.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

In obedience to the commands of our Constitution I had the honour to appoint the several Past Grands enumerated on pages 1416 and 1417 of the Journal of 1896, and they all continued to serve until the end of my term, except the following:

SUBORDINATES.

Mission City, District No. 9, F. T. Underhill, No. 32, resigned; A. York, No. 32, appointed; A. York, No. 32, resigned.

Wellington District, No. 4, H. W. Jones, No. 31, resigned; T. F. Haggart, No. 6, appointed.

Rossland District, No. 22, J. Kirkup, (not qualified, only N. G.) J. Jackson, appointed.

REBEKAH.

Vancouver District, No. 2, Mrs. McDonald, No. 2, (not qualified, only N. G.) Mrs. Horrobin, No. 7, appointed.

To each of my District Deputy Grand Masters I desire to extend my grateful thanks for the excellent service rendered by each, and it is but just to say that very many of them had specially delicate, and at times arduous duties to perform. Being unable to see them all personally, I herewith extend to each the open hand of an Oddfellow with a sincere "thank you."

CONDITION OF THE ORDER.

Although the membership has not increased, still considering the severe depression of the year 1896, we have done as well as could be expected, and I feel sure when our Reports for the half year ending June 30th, 1897, are received, the incoming Grand Master will be able to report an increase.

I regret to have to report that two Subordinates have surrendered their Charters.

On the other hand I am pleased to state that we have added to our list two new lodges, one at Greenwood, and the other at Sandon, and expect an application any day from Slocan City and from Trail, for Charters.

REBEKAH BRANCH.

Under the able management of the District Deputy Grand Masters and Officers the Rebekah Branch of our Order has increased in membership during the year. Although unfortunately, one of their number had to surrender its Charter, and two other Lodges are rather weak,—Ruth, No. 4, at Chilliwack, and Bethel Lodge, Mt. Pleasant. I

hope in the near future to see the members of these Lodges take a greater interest in their noble work, and I have no doubt their membership will rapidly increase

INSTITUTION OF NEW LODGES.

Bro. O. B. Nelson, D. D. G. M., instituted a Lodge of our Order at Greenwood City on March 1st, to be known as Boundary Valley Lodge, No. 38, with six charter members, seven added the first meeting and fifteen more desiring to join.

Bro. W. Hodson, D. D. G. M., instituted a Lodge of our Order at Sandon on March 3rd, to be known as Silver City Lodge, No. 39, with eight charter members and twenty-four initiated the first night, with quite a number desiring to join.

CHARTERS SURRENDERED.

On January 22nd, Alpine Rebekah Lodge, surrendered its Charter on account of a number of members leaving the City. I have no doubt that the remaining members will unite with another Rebekah Lodge.

On February 28th, Mission City Lodge, No. 32, surrendered its Charter. The brothers belonging to this Lodge have nearly all left Mission City and located elsewhere, and it was impossible to have a meeting, so the brothers decided to surrender and cast in their lot with the Lodges in the District in which they now reside.

On March 30th, Perseverance Lodge, No. 29, surrendered its Charter. This Lodge had a very hard struggle and unfortunately had to submit to circumstances.

I beg to call your special attention to the urgent necessity of making provision for indigent members of defunct Lodges. Recent events in this connection in our Jurisdiction makes our duty plain; the question has apparently become an important one throughout the various Jurisdictions on this Continent, as witnessed by the legislation, of the Sovereign Grand Lodge at its last Session, but this legislation, while a step in the right direction, does not go far enough. The members of the Order should be prepared to make some sacrifice, rather than these unfortunate brethren should become dependent on outside charity through circumstances over which they have no control.

I feel satisfied that this matter need only be brought to your notice to receive your serious consideration, and that at the present session steps will be taken to remedy this weakness in the Order.

It also appears to me that this is an opportune time for action to be taken to augment the fund for a home for aged and indigent Odd-fellows, and a home for widows and orphans of deceased brothers.

While at present there may be no absolute necessity for such institutions, the time may not be far distant when there will be, and as it will probably take some years to accumulate a fund sufficiently large to deal with this matter, no time should be lost in making a start in that direction. We, the Odd Fellows of British Columbia, who are an example to other jurisdictions in membership in proportion to population, should not be behind them in such an important matter. As considerable discussion took place on this subject at our last session, the representatives will no doubt be prepared to deal with it; and I trust that the result of your deliberations will be a step forward towards the establishment of these laudable objects, so that in years to come we can point, with a feeling of pride and satisfaction to ourselves, to these Homes as an accomplished fact, and thus demonstrate to those, who in the future will fill our places, that we, the Odd Fellows of British Columbia in the year 1897, to a certain extent at least, undertook the teachings of the Order.

CERTIFICATE.

I have received many complaints of the Official Receipts, issued by the Printing Committee of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, both in reference to style and the high price charged. I will not dwell on this point as I believe our representatives will take up this matter fully. I beg to submit protests received from Harmony Lodge, No. 6, and Banner Lodge, No. 31.

APPEALS FOR FINANCIAL AID.

The entire absence of an appeal under this head speaks well for the condition of our beloved Order throughout the Jurisdiction in spite of long continued depression.

INSTALLATIONS.

Assisted by several brethren of Vancouver and New Westminster Lodges I installed the officers of the following Lodges.

Mount Pleasant Lodge, No. 19, July 8rd, 1896.

Pacific Lodge, No. 26, July 6th, 1896.

Western Star Lodge, No. 10, July 9th, 1896.

Vancouver Lodge, No. 8, January 8th, 1897.

DISPENSATIONS GRANTED.

During my term of office I have granted the following dispensations:

1. Island Lodge, No. 24, to hold a Strawberry Festival, June 7th, 1896.

2. Victoria Lodges, No's. 1, 2, 4, and 33, to hold an Excursion from Victoria to Seattle, August 1st, 1896.

3. Wellington and Northfield Lodges, No. 6, 20, and 31, to wear regalia to Divine Service, July 19th, 1896.

4. Kootenay Lodge, No. 16, to hold a Concert August 8th, 1896.

5. Cloverdale Lodge, No. 15, to hold a Ball August 14th, 1896.

6. Rocky Mountain Lodge, No. 34, to hold a Picnic September 15th, 1896.

7. Laurel Rebekah Lodge, No. 9, to hold a Picnic September 18th, 1896.

8. Union Lodge, No. 11, to hold a Social October 29th, 1896.

9. Mizpah Rebekah Lodge, No. 2, to hold a Social Dance October 28th, 1896.

10. Laurel Rebekah Lodge, No. 9, to hold a Social November 7th, 1896.

11. Cheam Lodge, No. 28, to hold a Ball on December 4th, 1896.

12. Colfax Rebekah Lodge, No. 1, to hold a Social Dance November 24th, 1896.

13. Pacific Lodge, No. 26, to hold their annual Ball November 15th, 1896.

14. Island Lodge, No. 24, to hold a Social Entertainment October 18th, 1896.

15. Cedar Lodge, No. 35, to hold their annual Festival December, 1896.

16. Ashcroft Lodge, No. 23, to hold a Ball December 29th and 30th, 1896.

17. Mizpah Rebekah Lodge, No. 2, to hold a Social Dance January 1st, 1897.

18. Colfax Rebekah Lodge, No. 1, to hold a Concert and Dance January 26th, 1897.

19. To Bro. Smailes and others to Institute a Lodge at Greenwood to be known as Boundary Valley Lodge, No. 38.

20. Vancouver Lodge, No. 8, to hold an "At Home" on January 29th, 1897.

21. Rossland Lodge, No. 36, to hold a Ball on February 22nd, 1897.

22. Laurel Rebekah Lodge, No. 9, to hold a Phantom Party February 17th, 1897.

23. To Bro. Douglas and others to Institute a Lodge at Sandon to be known as Silver City Lodge, No. 89.

24. To Silver City Lodge, No. 89, to ballot for and initiate members on night of institution.

25. Mount Pleasant Lodge, No. 19, to hold an "At Home" and wear badges on February 15th, 1897.

26. Island Lodge, No. 24, to hold a Ball March 26th, 1897.

27. Colfax Rebekah Lodge, No. 1, to hold a Concert and Dance March 9th, 1897.

28. Mizpah Rebekah Lodge, No. 2, to hold a Ball April 28th, 1897.

29. Granted dispensation to such Lodges as wish to appear in public in regalia on the celebration of our Seventy-eighth Anniversary.

30. Granted dispensation to such Lodges wishing to wear regalia on Memorial Day.

DECISIONS.—SUBORDINATE LODGES.

The following decisions have been given by me during the year:

1. *Ques.*—Can District Deputies grant dispensations to appear in regalia to attend Divine Service?

Ans.—No. See Article 9 Section 2 of Constitution.

2. *Ques.*—Can a J. P. G. be elected Secretary?

Ans.—Yes. White's Digest, Section 994.

3. *Ques.*—When an officer goes away for an indefinite period, can the Lodge elect another Brother to that office?

Ans.—Yes. Article 6, Section 7, Constitution.

4. *Ques.*—Is it necessary for a dispensation, to hold a special meeting?

Ans.—No. See By-law, Article 1.

5. *Ques.*—Can we grant a card to an Initiatory member?

Ans.—Yes. Be sure and state on card that the brother has only received Initiatory degree.

6. *Ques.*—How can we take a gentleman belonging to the Albion Order of Odd Fellows into our Lodge?

Ans.—He will have to be initiated and receive the degrees. We do not recognize any other Order's cards. White's Digest, Section 770.

7. *Ques.*—Can a D. D. G. M. grant dispensation to receive an application and initiate at a special meeting?

Ans.—No. White's Digest, Sections 630, 645 and 648, also Decision 8, page 1347, Grand Lodge, B. C., 1896.

8. *Ques.*—Are carriages and stages to take Brothers to funerals, expenses?

Ans.—Yes. But you must not exceed the amount allowed by the late Brother's Lodge.

9. *Ques.*—Is a Brother from another Province or State who is not in good standing, although not suspended, entitled to attention from a local Lodge when taken ill in this town?

Ans.—Yes. White's Digest, Section 41, unless he has not complied with Section 113, by not reporting himself for two years.

10. *Ques.*—Is a lunatic entitled to full benefits?

Ans.—It is the duty of the Lodge to extend the same benefits to lunatics as are given to those who suffer from bodily infirmity. White's Digest, Sections 42 to 46.

11. *Ques.*—Is a Brother guilty of conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow and liable to charges who, not being engaged as a saloon-keeper or bartender at the time the recent illegibility law was passed, has since engaged in it?

Ans.—Yes. See Grand Sire, John W. Stebbin's Decision No. 88.

12. *Ques.*—Can a Lodge demand an itemised account for funeral expenses charged to them from a sister Lodge?

Ans.—Yes. The Lodge to which deceased belonged to is entitled to an itemised account.

13a. *Ques.*—What form of procedure is necessary for two Lodges to pursue with a view to amalgamation?

Ans.—See Article 1, Section 2, Constitution of Subordinates and White's Digest Section 1442 and 1447. Both Lodges must agree to the consolidation at a regular meeting of each Lodge, after two weeks notice of motion to that effect has been given and if five members of either Lodge do not object thereto. The last Session of the Grand Lodge adopted the report of the Committee on Legislation. See p. 1401 Proceedings 1896.

13b. *Ques.*—Would a Lodge's Charter and By-laws cease to exist, such said Lodge making overtures to another Lodge to be allowed to amalgamate with them?

Ans.—The Charter would be returned to the Grand Lodge, and the By-laws of the Lodge it amalgamated with would be the By-laws used.

13c. *Ques.*—What time would elapse before amalgamation would take place?

Ans.—The amalgamation would take place as soon as the decision has been arrived at, as laid down by the Constitution.

13d. *Ques.*—Would a Physician's certificate be needed from each member ?

Ans.—No Physician's certificate would be required.

13e. *Ques.*—Should they be balloted for individually or collectively ?

Ans.—There should be no balloting for the reception of members either individually or collectively.

13f. *Ques.*—Is it constitutional to charge any fee over and above the funds they have in the treasury ?

Ans.—No fee can be charged

13g. *Ques.*—Would they rank as beneficial members, or would they have to run three or six months before being entitled to benefits ?

Ans.—All members would be in exactly the same standing in the consolidated Lodge as they were in their own Lodge; they could be re-instated in the consolidated Lodge in the way provided by law.

13h. *Ques.*—Can a Lodge compromise with a Brother's wife for a certain sum for a full payment of benefits and strike the Brother off the books, the Brother being in the Asylum ?

Ans.—No. It is not constitutional for a Lodge to compromise with a Brother's wife for his benefits, the Brother being in the Asylum. The Brother would be a member of the Consolidated Lodge and the Consolidated Lodge would have to pay him benefits during his term of illness.

14. *Ques.*—What is the necessary qualification to entitle a Brother to the nomination of V. G. in the Lodge ?

Ans.—Must serve a term in an inferior office. See Article 6 Constitution and White's Digest, Sections 992 and 1007. Excused for sickness White's Digest, 1008.

15. *Ques.*—Is a Brother who is in good standing when taken sick and does not report his sickness until he is in arrears entitled to benefits ?

Ans.—A Brother who is in good standing the time he was taken sick and not reported until he is in arrears is entitled to benefits providing he complies with the By-laws of the Lodge, regarding reporting himself sick.

16. *Ques.*—Is it necessary for a Permanent Secretary to attend every meeting of the Lodge ?

Ans.—It is the duty of the Permanent Secretary to regularly attend each meeting. If it is impossible for him to attend, he should have his

books in the Lodge so that any Brother can pay his dues and find out how he stands in the books.

17. *Ques.*—Can a Brother pay his dues to the Permanent Secretary during recess, and when does the same take effect?

Ans.—In the absence of local law and usage established by decision of Grand bodies directing otherwise, a payment on dues takes effect from the date the same was received by the Permanent Secretary, though made in recess. 1894 Journal, 18985, 14064.

18. *Ques.*—Is a P. G. who is Treasurer in our Lodge eligible for Representative to the Grand Lodge?

Ans.—Yes.

19. *Ques.*—Is it compulsory to use the certificate issued last Session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge?

Ans.—It is the only receipt (certificate) that can be used as evidence of payment of dues, assessments, &c., &c. by a member of a Subordinate Lodge whether the member wishes to use it as a visiting card or not.

20. *Ques.*—Will the Grand Lodge pay benefits to members of defunct Lodges?

Ans.—A Grand Lodge cannot undertake the payment of benefits of defunct Lodges. See White's Digest, Section 151.

21. *Ques.*—Can a member of a defunct Lodge join another Lodge?

Ans.—A member of an extinct Lodge who did not regularly withdraw therefrom prior to its extinction, can be admitted to membership only upon the presentation of a card from the officers of the Grand Lodge under which the defunct Lodge existed. White's Digest, Section 762.

22. *Ques.*—Can an aged member of a defunct Lodge with a Grand Lodge card be admitted to another Lodge as a non-beneficial?

Ans.—Yes. White's Digest, Sections 615 to 619.

23. *Ques.*—When a sick Brother who is in arrears returns to work, is he off the sick list?

Ans.—Yes.

24. *Ques.*—Should he get hurt or take sick again, is he entitled to benefits?

Ans.—If he makes himself in good standing, and afterwards should have the misfortune to get hurt again, he is entitled to benefits according to your By-laws, unless the sickness is a continuation of the previous sickness. White's Digest, No. 34.

25. *Ques.*—Can we admit members and give them the three degrees for Ten Dollars.

Ans.—No. The Grand Lodge of B. C. made the lowest rate for Initiation and three degrees at Twenty Dollars.

26. *Ques.*—Can a sick Brother hold members of his defunct Lodge liable for his benefits ?

Ans.—The laws of Canada will not hold members of a defunct lodge liable for indebtedness to a sick Brother.

27. *Ques.*—Is a gentleman who keeps a first-class hotel eligible for membership ?

Ans.—Yes, if he does not attend bar.

28. *Ques.* Are Trustees Officers of the Lodge ?

Ans.—No. White's Digest, Section 1006.

29. *Ques.*—Is a Brother who was elected Trustee while in arrears eligible to fill the office ?

Ans.—Yes.

30. *Ques.*—A Brother who is walking the track looking for work meets a Brother who asks him for pecuniary assistance proving himself in good standing they being at a distance from relief committee or officer of a Lodge. Can the Brother thus affording relief get the same refunded by the Lodge ?

Ans.—I do not consider it proper to allow every member the privilege of drawing on the Lodge funds for pecuniary assistance to Brothers; you have officers for that purpose if assistance is required.

31. *Ques.*—What is the law in reference to admitting aged members of defunct Lodges with a Grand Lodge card into our Lodge as non-beneficial. Will we have to make a by-law ?

Ans.—You will find the law in White's Digest, Section 614 to 616 and 619, and Section 4, Article 2, Constitution of Subordinate Lodges. I would recommend making a by law for we could not expect a non-beneficial member to pay as much as a beneficial member.

32. *Ques.*—Our property is registered in the name of the Trustees, which they hold in trust. Each year we elect a new Trustee. Does the Trustees dropping out lose possession without us changing name in Registry Office?

Ans.—No. You will have to change name in Registry Office, under your property is registered in name of Trustees or their Successors.

33. *Ques.*—Is a N. G. who has not served a majority of nights entitled to honors ?

Ans.—Must serve a majority of nights. White's Digest 1007 except in case of sickness and being excused. White's Digest 1008.

84. *Ques.*—Is an Officer elected when Brothers vote who are not qualified?

Ans.—If Brothers vote who are not qualified the vote should be taken again and those Brothers not allowed to vote, but if no exception was taken until next Lodge night, you cannot change the previous election.

85. *Ques.*—Has a Brother who was in arrears in a Lodge when it surrendered its charter to pay such arrearage to Grand Lodge before receiving card.

Ans.—Yes. White's Digest 169.

DECISIONS—REBEKAH LODGES.

1. *Ques.*—Can we insert three balls in writing in our By Laws?

Ans.—No. It will be necessary for your Lodge to amend the By Laws and then submit them to Grand Secretary for approval by Committee on By Laws. In the meantime you will be governed on this point by Sov. Grand Lodge, Section 24. "Three black balls will be required to reject."

2. *Ques.*—Has a lady's husband to be an Odd Fellow before she can join a Rebekah Lodge?

Ans.—Yes.

3. *Ques.*—Our Lodge was instituted in April, 1896. Do we elect officers in May and install them in July, 1896?

Ans.—No. As your officers have only been in office since April they will continue in office until first meeting in January, 1897.

4. *Ques.*—What dispensation can a Rebekah D. D. G. M. grant?

Ans.—The only dispensation a Rebekah D. D. G. M. can grant is to allow Rebekah Lodges to elect a Rebekah degree member to the office of N. G. when all other qualified members decline to serve.

5. *Ques.*—Can a member visit on a withdrawal card?

Ans.—Yes, for one year

6. *Ques.*—Can the N. G. instruct the Warden to give a member in good standing the Password?

Ans.—Yes.

7. *Ques.*—Can a District Deputy withdraw without first resigning her commission?

Ans.—Yes. See White's Digest, Section 898.

8. *Ques.*—Can we change place of meeting in Vancouver without dispensation ?

Ans.—Yes. See White's Digest, Section 1471.

9. *Ques.*—Do we require to change by laws to alter night of meeting ?

Ans.—Yes. See White's Digest, Section 1465.

REPORTS FROM D. D. G. M'S.

As all the reports from my D. D. G. M's are not yet to hand, I am unable to comment on their decisions or dispensations.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

Mount Pleasant,	No. 19, Vancouver,	Oct. 6th, 1896.	
Tatnai	No. 9, Kamloops,	" 19th, "	
Revelstoke,	No. 25, Revelstoke,	" 27th, "	
Vernon Valley,	No. 18, Vernon,	Nov. 9th, "	
Rossland,	No. 36, Rossland,	" 18th, "	
Kootenay,	No. 16, Nelson,	" 14th, "	
Ashcroft,	No. 23, Ashcroft,	" 21st, "	
Mission City,	No. 32, Mission City,	Feb. 6th, 1897.	
Cheam,	No. 28, Agassiz,	" 13th, "	
New West'r	No. 3, New West'r,	" 18th, "	(Joint mtg.)
Royal City,	No. 13, "	" 18th, "	"
Amity,	No. 27, "	" 18th, "	"
Western Star,	No. 10, Vancouver,	Mar. 18th, "	
Gold Range,	No. 24, North Bend,	" 27th, "	
Pacific,	No. 26, Vancouver,	" 29th, "	
Excelsior,	No. 7, Chilliwack,	Apr. 3rd, "	
Victoria,	No. 1, Victoria,	" 17th, "	(Joint mtg.)
Columbia,	No. 2, "	" 17th, "	"
Dominion,	No. 4, "	" 17th, "	"
Acme,	No. 14, "	" 17th, "	"
Peerless,	No. 33, "	" 17th, "	"
Vancouver,	No. 8, Vancouver,	May 7th, "	
Cloverdale,	No. 15, Cloverdale,	" 8th, "	
Harmony,	No. 6, Wellington,	" 15th, "	(Joint mtg.)
Banner,	No. 31, "	" 15th, "	"
Black Diamond,	No. 5, Nanaimo,	" 17th, "	"
Centennial,	No. 20, "	" 17th, "	"
Friendship,	No. 30, "	" 17th, "	"
Cedar,	No. 35, "	" 17th, "	"
Island,	No. 24, Eburne,	June 1st, "	
Delta,	No. 21, Ladners,	" 5th, "	

MILES TRAVELLED.

	MILES.
Vancouver to Kamloops and return.....	505
Vancouver to Revelstoke and return.....	758
Revelstoke to Golden and return.....	192
Vancouver to Vernon.....	385
Vernon to Rossland.....	283
Rossland to Nelson.....	50
Nelson to Ashcroft.....	385
Ashcroft to Vancouver.....	204
Vancouver to Agassiz and return.....	142
Vancouver to Mission and return.....	86
Vancouver to North Bend and return.....	258
Vancouver to New Westminster and return.....	24
Vancouver to Chilliwack and return.....	134
Vancouver to Victoria and return.....	168
Vancouver to Cloverdale and return.....	50
Vancouver to Wellington and return.....	80
Vancouver to Ladners and return.....	40
Vancouver to Eburne and return.....	11
Total number of miles travelled.....	3725
Total number of days.....	37

TRAVELLING EXPENSES.

Vancouver to Kamloops and return.....	\$4 50
Vancouver to Revelstoke and return.....	6 50
Revelstoke to Golden and return.....	2 50
Vancouver to Vernon.....	3 25
Vernon to Rossland.....	9 00
Vancouver to Rossland, Fare.....	49 50
Rossland to Nelson.....	5 00
Nelson to Ashcroft.....	14 25
Ashcroft to Vancouver.....	75
Vancouver to Agassiz.....	1 50
Vancouver to Mission City.....	75
Vancouver to North Bend.....	1 25
Vancouver to New Westminster and return, Fare.....	50
Vancouver to Chilliwack and return, Fare.....	4 50
Vancouver to Chilliwack.....	1 75
Vancouver to Victoria, Fare.....	5 00
Vancouver to Victoria, expenses on boat.....	1 50
Vancouver to Cloverdale and return, Fare.....	4 25
Vancouver to Cloverdale.....	50
Vancouver to Wellington, Fare.....	2 25
Vancouver to Ladners Landing.....	5 50
	\$124 50

PROCLAMATIONS.

GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, I. O. O. F.

OFFICE OF GRAND MASTER.

VANCOUVER, 20th March, 1897.

1810—1897.

ANNIVERSARY PROCLAMATION.

To the Officers and Members of the Subordinate Lodges of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F.:

DEAR SIRS AND BROTHERS:—In compliance with the Proclamation of the Grand Sire, and in accordance with time honored custom, you are requested to take proper action for the due and appropriate celebration of the Seventy-eighth Anniversary of our Order on the Twenty-sixth day of April, 1897, or on such other date approximate thereto as may be more convenient.

A Dispensation is hereby granted to such Lodges as may wish to appear in public in regalia on this occasion.

H. B. GILMOUR,
GRAND MASTER.

Attest:
FRED'K. DAVEY,
GRAND SECRETARY.

GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, I. O. O. F.

OFFICE OF GRAND MASTER.

VANCOUVER, B. C., 27th April, 1897.

MEMORIAL DAY PROCLAMATION.

To all to whom these presents shall come.:

GREETING:—In accordance with the Proclamation of the Grand Sire, I, H. B. Gilmour, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, do hereby request all Subordinate Lodges of this Jurisdiction that have suffered loss of membership by death, to assemble on Tuesday the 8th day of June, 1897, (or on such other day as may be more convenient) and engage in proper and suitable exercises in memory of their deceased members.

And in the event of any Lodge wishing to appear in public in regalia on this occasion, a Dispensation is hereby granted it for that purpose.

H. B. GILMOUR,
GRAND MASTER

Attest:

FRED'K. DAVEY,
GRAND SECRETARY.

JUVENILE DEGREE.

In compliance with a letter received from D.L. Badley, Chairman of the Special Committee appointed at the last Session of the Sov. Grand Lodge, I issued the following letter to all Lodges in this Jurisdiction and have received a reply from most of them, which are on file at this Session. I would recommend that this Grand Lodge appoint a Committee to examine the letters from the Subordinate Lodges, and report to this Grand Body not later than June 11th, and that the report together with the Subordinate and Rebekah replies, be forwarded to D. L. Badley, Meridian, Ada Co., Idaho, U. S. A.

GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

VICTORIA, B. C., April 3rd, 1897.

To the Subordinate Lodges, I. O. O. F., Province of British Columbia:

DEAR SIRS AND BROTHERS:—The Sovereign Grand Lodge at its last Session, appointed a Committee, to collect information and report as to the advisability and practicability of establishing a Juvenile Degree for the children of Odd Fellows who are not old enough to join the Subordinate and Rebekah Lodges. This Committee is desirous of obtaining the views of the members of the Order on this subject and has requested the Grand Master to issue a circular to the Subordinate Lodges of this Jurisdiction, asking for an expression of opinion, on their part, in the shape of answers to the following questions:

1. Do you think it would be to the advantage of the children (youth) of Odd Fellows to teach them, in a practical manner the principles of Oddfellowship?
2. Do you think it would be to the advantage of the Order to establish a Juvenile Degree for Odd Fellow's children, say from 16 to 21 years of age?

Please give reasons for your views. Any suggestions as to the formation of the Degree, the colors, ritual, laws, etc., will be gladly received.

Address your reply to H. B. Gilmour, Grand Master I. O. O. F., 1037 Nelson St., Vancouver, B. C.

Yours fraternally,
FRED'K DAVEY
 GRAND SECRETARY.

DEATHS.

While I have no doubt the Grim Reaper has been among us during the year, I have no account of any member of the Grand Body having passed to the Great Beyond, from which no traveller returns.

"B. C. ODDFELLOW."

During the year the "B. C. Oddfellow" has changed editors. It is now under the able management of Bro. H. J. Rickard. We must not expect our official organ to prosper without the hearty support of the members of the Order.

CORRESPONDENCE.

During the year I have received and answered a great many letters, a record of which will be on file at the Session of the Grand Lodge should they be called for.

CONCLUSION.

Brethren, in closing, I ask you to accept my sincere thanks for the honor you did me, in electing me to the highest position within your gift. If I have failed in my duties, if I have not come up to your expectations as an executive officer, I ask you to believe it was a failure of capacity to grapple with the situation rather than a desire to neglect any of the duties attached to the office of Grand Master. If on the other hand you consider the administration of the affairs of the Order in this Jurisdiction, satisfactory during my term of office, I ask you to give the credit to whom it is due, viz:—our Lodge members—who have been untiring in their efforts to promote the cause of our beloved Order.

Yours fraternally,
H. B. GILMOUR,
 GRAND MASTER.

It was on motion *Resolved*,—That the Report be received and handed to a Committee to distribute to the several Committees.

The Chair appointed the following to form the Committee on Distribution:—R. Roberts, P. G. M., No. 1, T. F. Neelands, No. 8, and A. Wilson, No. 20.

It was moved, seconded and carried, that the Grand Lodge do now adjourn to 1.30 p. m. The Grand Lodge adjourned accordingly.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Grand Lodge met at 1.30 p. m., the Grand Officers and a quorum of Representatives present.

After the usual preliminaries the Grand Lodge was declared open for business.

The Roll of Officers and Representatives was called.

The Committee on Distribution presented the following Report which was adopted:

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Distribution recommend that the Report of the Grand Master be referred to the several Committees as follows:

To the Committee on State of the Order:

Pages 1 and 2, the 1st part of page 3, part of page 4, re "Official Certificates," page 5, part of page 16, re "Official Visits," page 21, also the Reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters.

To the Committee on Legislation:

Part of page 3, re "Aged Odd Fellow's Fund."

To the Committee on Finance:

Parts of pages 3 and 4, re "Odd Fellow's Home Fund," pages 17 and 18, re Miles travelled and Expenses incurred.

To the Committee on Judiciary:

Pages 6 and 7, re Dispensations issued and Decisions given on pages 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15, Proclamations issued, pages 19 and 20.

Also that the matter of a proposed Juvenile Degree on page 21 be referred to a Special Committee.

T. F. NEELANDS,
R. ROBERTS,
ARTHUR WILSON.

The Grand Secretary read his Report which was on motion ordered to be received and handed to the Committee on Distribution.

KAMLOOPS, B. C., 9th June, 1897.

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F :

I have the honor to submit for your consideration a Report of the transactions of the Grand Secretary's Office for the past year.

NEW LODGES.

"Boundary Valley" Lodge, No. 38, was instituted at Greenwood City by Bro. O. B. Nelson, D. D. G. M., Carson, on 1st March, 1897, and "Silver City" Lodge, No. 39, was instituted at Sandon on 3rd March, 1897, by Bro. W. Hodson, D. D. G. M., Nelson.

Both instituting Officers speak highly of the personell of the new Lodges and their future prospects.

Enquiries have been received from Trail, Notch Hill, and Salmon Arm, respecting the steps necessary to organize Lodges of our Order at these places.

DEFUNCT LODGES.

I regret to report that "Mission City" Lodge, No. 32, Mission City, and "Perseverance" Lodge, No. 28, Northfield, also "Alpine" Rebekah Lodge, No. 6, New Westminster, have surrendered their Charters and their effects consisting of Books, Regalia, and Paraphernalia have been delivered up to the Grand Lodge.

The migration of members from the locality of the two Subordinate Lodges has been assigned as the principal cause of their failure, but I fear that lack of funds to meet the calls for benefits has been an important contributing element.

Cash amounting to \$4.58 has been received on account of Mission City Lodge, net amount realized from the sale of some furniture.

A Bill has been presented by the B. C. Odd Fellow amounting to \$3 due by "Perseverance" Lodge, No. 29, for publication of Lodge Card, and instructions are requested as to its payment.

Grand Lodge Cards have been issued to such of the members of the defunct Lodges as have applied for and are entitled to them at the nominal cost of the Card, 25 cents.

AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION.

The amendment to Sec. 8, Art. II of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge made at the last Session has been approved by the Grand Sire.

BONDS.

The instructions of last Session respecting Bonds of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer have been complied with and Bonds of \$1000.00 for each of these Officers obtained from the London Guarantee and Accident Co. A refund of \$5 on account of the Premium paid has been received from the agent of the Company, thus reducing the rate paid to one per cent.

RITUALS AND OFFICIAL RECEIPTS,

The Revised Rituals and new Official Certificate and Receipt for Dues authorized by the Sovereign Grand Lodge at its last Session have been procured and supplied to such Lodges as have applied for them. The old Rituals returned have been destroyed and the rebate of \$1 each allowed by the Sovereign Grand Lodge has been recovered and credited to all the Lodges who have returned them.

APPEALS.

Two appeals have been received and transmitted to the Chairman of the Committee on Appeals, viz:—Bro. R. Ray v. Acme Lodge No. 14, Bro. Johnson v. Amity Lodge, No. 27.

NEW DIGESTS FOR D. D. G. M.'S.

Applications have been received from some D. D. G. M.'s, to be supplied with copies of the new Digest for their official use, but as the supply to all of these officials would involve an expense of \$57.50 for existing Districts with a probable increase in the near future, and there being no appropriation to meet this expense the matter is referred to this Grand Lodge for directions.

ODD FELLOW'S HOME.

I beg to renew my suggestion in last Report, that a small sum, say Five Cents per member, be collected with the Per Capita Tax next year towards the Odd Fellow's Home Fund of this Jurisdiction.

Since last Session I have received a donation of \$5.50 from Vancouver Lodge, No. 8, which has been deposited in the Dominion Government Savings Bank to the "Home Fund" account.

This Fund now amounts to \$106.35.

TABULATED STATEMENTS.

Abstracts of the Reports of the Subordinate and Rebekah Lodges are attached for insertion in the printed proceedings of this Session, also an abstract of the Property Reports of the Subordinate Lodges for publication in the same way if deemed advisable.

The following comparative statement of the work of the Subordinate Lodges for the year ended 31st December, 1896, is compiled from the Reports to that date.

		Increase.	Decrease.
No. of Lodges 31st. December, 1896.	37		
“ “ Instituted since.....	2		
“ “ surrendered Charters since.....	2		
“ Rebekah Lodges 31st. Dec., '96	11		1
“ “ “ surrendered its Charter since.....	1		
“ of Members Subordinate Lodges 31st. December, 1896.....	2829	....	159
“ of Members initiated during the year.....	178	....	38
“ of Members admitted by card..	26	8	..
“ “ “ as A. O..	4	2	..
“ “ reinstated.....	12	3	..
“ “ withdrawn.....	30	3	..
“ “ expelled.....	7	6	..
“ “ suspended.....	..	..	1
“ “ deceased.....	26	..	..
“ “ resigned.....	3	2	..
“ “ ceased membership by N P. D.....	315	96	..
“ rejected.....	7	..	8
“ of Degrees conferred.....	518	..	167
“ of Past Grands.....	421	39	..
Total revenue of Subordinate Lodges	\$49,255 88	..	\$986 10
No. of Brothers relieved.....	363	50	..
“ Brothers buried.....	22	..	..
“ widowed families relieved..	12	8	..
“ weeks sick benefits paid.....	2601	548	..
Amount paid for relief of Brothers..	\$20,742 47	\$3,700 01	..
“ “ “ widowed families.....	712 45	318 15	..
Amount paid for relief of Orphans..	129 50	11 85	..
“ “ burying the dead	1,914 49	....	\$341 01
“ “ education of Orphans.....	55 00	55 00	..

Amount paid for special relief.....	1,342 73	517 17	..
Total amount paid for relief.....	24,896 63	4,261 17	..
" " current expenses	15,544 20	....	2,374 81
" of assets.....	184,233 09	....	9,430 04
Average amount of benefits paid for each sick member.....	57 14	2 69	
Average amount expended for relief per member....	8 80	1 90	..
Average duration of sickness per member.....	6 dys 10 hrs. 1 dy 14½ hrs.		
Average duration of sickness per sick member.....	7 wks 1 dy.	4 days.	
Average cost per member for current expenses.....	5 50	....	50
Average cost per member for all Lodge expenses.....	14 30	1 40	..
Average amount of assets per member.....	65 12	0 31	
Total amount expended for relief since institution of Grand Lodge in 1874.....	183,330 56		

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT.
CASH RECEIVED AND PAID TO GRAND TREASURER.

FROM WHOM RECEIVED.	Tax Term end- ed 30th June, 1896.	Tax Term end- ed 31st Dec., 1896.	Supplies.	Charter Fees.	TOTAL.
Victoria, No. 1.....	\$60 30	\$60 75	\$4 50		\$125 55
Columbia, No. 2.....	72 45	71 10	3 50		147 05
New Westminster, No. 3.	55 80	47 25	7 00		110 05
Dominion, No. 4.....	49 50	46 80	4 50		100 80
Black Diamond, No. 5.....	60 75	55 80	20 50		187 05
Harmony, No. 6.....	63 45	60 75	18 00		142 20
Excelsior, No. 7.....	13 85	12 60	11 00		37 45
Vancouver, No. 8.....	52 20	49 05	30 50	5 50	137 25
Tatnai, No. 9.....	22 00	29 25	18 50		69 75
Western Star, No. 10.....	78 75	80 10	26 00		184 85
Union, No. 11.....	30 15	30 15	18 50		78 80
Selkirk, No. 12.....	24 75	32 85	3 00		60 60
Royal City, No. 13.....	36 00	32 40	15 50		83 90
Acme, No. 14.....	43 65	34 20	4 00		81 85
Cloverdale, No. 15.....	15 75	15 30	6 50		37 55
Kootenay, No. 16.....	18 90	19 35	17 10		55 35
Duncan, No. 17.....	21 15	18 90	18 00		58 05
Vernon Valley, No. 18.....	15 30	10 80	18 50		44 60
Mount Pleasant, No. 19.	17 55	15 30	18 50		51 35
Centennial, No. 20.....	51 30	47 25	18 50		117 05
Delta, No. 21.....	16 55	15 75	13 50		45 80
Gold Range, No. 22.....	15 75	16 20	18 25		50 20
Ashcroft, No. 23.....	15 30	15 30	12 00		42 60
Island, No. 24.....	15 30	15 75	19 50		50 55
Revelstoke, No. 25.....	13 50	15 30	11 00		39 80
Pacific, No. 26.....	113 85	108 00	13 50		235 35
Amity, No. 27.....	79 65	71 55	22 75		173 95
Cheam, No. 28.....	22 50	21 60	11 00		55 10
Perseverance, No. 29.....	18 50	12 60			26 10
Friendship, No. 30.....	24 30	20 70	3 25		48 25
Banner, No. 31.....	40 50	36 90	4 50		81 90
Mission City, No. 32.....	11 25	11 30		4 58	27 08
Peerless, No. 33.....	69 30	70 20	6 50		146 00
Rocky Mountain, No. 34.....	16 65	19 35	22 97		58 97
Cedar, No. 35.....	21 30	22 50	15 50		59 30
Roseland, No. 36.....		18 00	4 90		22 90
Carson, No. 37.....		13 05	16 15		29 20
Boundary Valley, No. 38.....			34 15	30 00	64 15
Silver City, No. 39.....			34 90	30 00	64 90
Colfax Rebekah, No. 1.....			50		50
Mizpah " " 2.....			13 50		13 50
Miriam " " 3.....			15 00		15 00
Beulah " " 5.....			1 00		1 00
Bethel " " 7.....			1 50		1 50
Laurel " " 9.....			20 70		20 70
Fidelity " " 10.....			17 75		17 75
Sundry Persons.....			10 42		10 42
Grand Lodge Cards.....			75		75
R. S. Day, Agt. Guarantee Co., refund on Premiums.....				5 00	5 00
	\$1292 75	\$1274 00	\$627 54	\$75 08	\$3369 82

ORDERS DRAWN ON GRAND TREASURER.

TOTAL.		Date.	No. of Order.	In Whose Favor.	Description.	AMOUNT.
\$125 55						
147 05						
110 05						
100 80						
187 05		1896.				
142 20		June 12	1	Grand Treasurer.....	Mileage & Per Diem, '96	\$932 00
37 45		" 12	2	W. H. Huxtable.....	Jan'r G.S. Office 12 mo.	20 00
137 25		" 12	3	W. E. Holmes, P. G. M..	Expenses incurred.....	21 30
69 75		" 12	4	"	Type writing Report...	8 50
184 85		" 12	5	H. B. Gilmour.....	Postage etc., as G. Treas	8 25
78 80		" 12	6	W. H. Morton.....	Janitor, light of Hall etc	12 00
60 60		" 12	7	A. McKenzie.....	G.L.C'd., B.C.O.F., 12 mo	10 00
83 90		" 30	8	R. S. Day.....	Prem. Bonds, G.S. & G.T.	25 00
81 85		Aug. 5	9	Fred Davey, G. Sec....	Trans. Sov. G. L. supp's	33 00
37 55		" 15	10	T. R. Cusack.....	Printing Bonds Trust's	12 00
55 35		Sept. 17	11	"	Ptg. Pro's, & Key & Cphr	167 45
58 05		" 17	12	Fred Davey, G. Sec....	Salary 3 months.....	150 00
44 60		" 17	13	"	Postage, duty, etc.	19 70
51 35		Oct. 1	14	"	Trans. Sov. G.L. supp's	10 00
117 05		Dec. 1	15	W. H. Phillips.....	Repairs & box G.L. Seal	8 10
45 80		" 1	16	Fred Davey, G. Sec....	Trans. Sov. G.L. supp's	20 00
50 20		" 26	17	"	Salary 3 months.....	150 00
42 60		" 26	18	"	Postage, expressage etc	6 65
50 55		" 26	19	"	Trans. Sov. G. L. supp's	65 00
39 80		1897.				
235 35		Jan. 7	20	"	"	114 00
173 95		" 29	21	"	"	155 50
55 10		" 29	22	T. R. Cusack.....	Ptg. apl. forms & let-hds	10 00
26 10		Mar. 11	23	Fred Davey, G. Sec....	Salary 3 months...	150 00
48 25		" 11	24	"	Duty on goods.....	9 00
81 90		" 11	25	"	Postage, freight, etc....	36 10
27 08		Apr. 15	26	Sovereign Grand Lodge.	Representative Tax....	150 00
146 00		May 8	27	Fred Davey, G. Sec....	Duty on goods.....	2 25
58 97		" 24	28	H. B. Gilmour, G. Master	Allowance for expenses.	100 00
59 30		" 24	29	Odd Fellows' Union, Vic.	Rent G.S. Office, 12 mo.	100 00
22 90		" 24	30	Colonist Ptg. & Pub. Co.	Printing.....	19 00
29 20		" 24	31	Fred Davey, G. Sec....	Salary 3 months.....	150 00
64 15		" 24	32	"	Postage, freight, etc....	33 15
64 90		" 24	33	T. R. Cusack.....	Printing.....	8 00
50		" 26	34	H. B. Gilmour, G. Master	Statny, tel. postage etc.	19 00
13 50		" 31	35	Fred Davey, G. Sec....	Dep.D.G.S.Bk.H.Fund.	5 00
15 00						\$2734 95
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SUMMARY.

Balance in hands of Grand Treasurer per last report.....	\$1,465 29
Cash received as per statement.....	3,269 32
	\$4,734 61
Orders drawn on Grand Treasurer as per statement.....	2,784 95
Balance in hands of Grand Treasurer.....	\$1,999 66

STOCK ACCOUNT.

	Dr.	Cr.
Balance from last year.....	\$174 38	
Goods bought during the year.....	526 42	
Allowed Lodges for return of old Rituals.....	100 00	
Gain during the year.....	85 64	
Goods sold during the year.....		\$640 29
Allowed by Sov. G. Lodge for old Rituals destroyed..		63 00
Goods on hand.....		183 15
	\$886 44	\$886 44

BALANCE SHEET.

GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.—1ST. JUNE, 1897.

Folio of Ledg'r	ACCOUNT.	Dr.	Cr.
44	Furniture, Regalia, etc.....	\$496 65	
67	Tatnai Lodge, No. 9.....		\$4 00
85	Union Lodge, No. 11.....		4 45
92	Mizpah Rebekah Lodge, No. 2.....		4 00
94	Miriam " " 3.....		4 00
102	Cloverdale Lodge, No. 15.....		05
104	Kootenay " " 16.....	1 60	
106	Duncan " " 17.....		4 00
109	Vernon Valley Lodge, No. 18.....		8 40
110	Mount Pleasant " " 19.....		4 45
112	Centennial " " 20.....		2 25
116	Gold Range, " " 22.....		4 00
127	Stock.....	183 15	
132	Ashcroft Lodge, No. 23.....		6 60
136	Island " " 24.....		4 00
143	Sovereign Grand Lodge.....	1 53	
152	Grand Treasurer.....	1999 66	
162	Profit and Loss.....		2595 71
164	Revelstoke Lodge, No. 25.....		2 90
166	Vancouver " " 8.....		14 40
168	Pacific " " 26.....		3 00
183	Mission City " " 32.....		6 38
184	Peerless " " 33.....		40
188	Rocky Mount " " 34.....		6 00
190	Cedar " " 35.....		1 60
194	Odd Fellows' Home.....		106 85
196	Dom. Government Savings Bank.....	106 35	
198	Harmony Lodge, No. 6.....		4 00
208	Carson Lodge, No. 37.....		2 50
214	New Westminster Lodge, No. 3.....		5 00
		\$2788 94	\$2788 94

It is a matter of sincere regret to me that I am unable to report an increase in the number of our Lodges and Members. The losses we have experienced are due undoubtedly to the business depression which has existed during the year. But although we have not succeeded in swelling our numbers, there has been no cessation in the good work for which we are banded together. The sums dispensed for relief and charity increases each year and the figures we publish annually of our disbursements prove conclusively that our professed aims and objects to relieve distress, bury the dead, and educate the orphans, are no empty phrases.

We are meeting now for the first time in the interior of the Province, and I hope that the benefit to the Order in this Section expected to accrue from this meeting will be more than fully realized.

Weighty and important questions await your consideration at this Session which should receive your closest and impartial attention, and I trust that the legislation enacted will redound to the good of the Order generally in this Jurisdiction.

Respectfully submitted, in F. L. & T.,

FRED'K DAVEY,

GRAND SECRETARY.

The Grand Secretary presented and read the Report of the Grand Treasurer, and explained that Bro. Waller regretted that on account of ill health and business engagements he was unable to be present.

GARNHAM, B. C.,

June 5th, 1897.

H. WALLER, GRAND TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE
GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

1896.

To Cash received from late Grand Treasurer.....\$1,465 29

" " " Grand Secretary..... 3,269 32

4,734 61

By Cash paid from June 10th, 1896, to June 5th, 1897,

Orders No's 1 to 35.....2,734 95

Balance \$1,999 66

H. WALLER,

GRAND TREASURER.

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It was on motion *Resolved*,—That the Report be received and handed to the Committee on Finance.

J. E. Phillips, P. G. M., submitted and read the Report of the Grand Representatives, which was on motion received and referred to the Committee on Printing.

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F.:

OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES:—In accordance with the duties of our office as Representatives to the Sovereign Grand Lodge we submit a report of our doings for your acceptance and approval, also a synopsis of the proceedings of the Session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of 1896.

The Seventy-second Annual Session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge was held at Dallas, Texas, commencing September 21st., and ending September 26th., and was opened at the Opera House, Judge Herring in the chair, who delivered an interesting address and introduced Governor C. A. Culberson who welcomed the Sovereign Grand Lodge to Dallas on behalf of that State. Welcome and interesting addresses were delivered by Hon. Barnett Gibbs, on behalf of Mayor Frank Holland, of the City of Dallas, W. L. Blanton, Grand Master, Grand Representative Keller for Grand Patriarch Schwartz on behalf of the Grand Encampment Colonel F. E. Hunter, Department Commander, Patriarchs Militant and Mrs. McCracken representing the Rebekah Assembly.

Grand Sire Stebbins responded in a fitting manner after which the Grand Representatives adjourned to Turner's Hall which was decorated with flags of the principal nations of the earth.

Upon the call of the Roll the following Officers were found to be present:

John W. Stebbins.	Grand Sire.
Fred. Carleton.....	Deputy Grand Sire.
Theo. A. Ross.....	Grand Secretary.
M. Richards Muckle.....	Grand Treasurer.
George Coburn.....	Assistant Grand Secretary.
Rev. J. W. Venable....	Grand Chaplain.
James B. Blanks.....	Grand Marshal.
Fred. S. Hunt.....	Grand Guardian.
J. R. Harwell.....	Grand Messenger.

And a representation from thirty-nine Grand Lodges and thirty Grand Encampments, also the following Past Grand Sires:

James. B. Nicholson.....	Pennsylvania.
James P. Sanders.....	New York.
Milton J. Durham.....	Kentucky.
John H. White.....	New York.
John C. Underwood.....	Kentucky.
Charles M. Busbee.....	North Carolina.
Cl. T. Campbell.....	Ontario, Canada.
J. B. Harmon.....	California.

The Grand Sire in appointing the different Standing Committees recognized the Representatives of British Columbia as follows:

Committee Finance.....	D. Welsh.
“ Constitution.....	J. Crossan.
“ Petitions.....	Jos. E. Phillips.

APPROVED DECISIONS OF THE GRAND SIRE.

REBEKAH DECISIONS.

1. *Ques.*—Does your decision No. 3, of last year require a Rebekah Lodge that has been paying benefits as provided in its By-laws, to cease paying them, as a matter of right, and that they can only be paid by a vote of the Lodge?

Ans.—The decision only declared the law as set forth in the Rebekah Code. Such is its effect.

2. *Ques.*—Does your decision No. 17 refer to the S. A. P. W. or the A. P. W.

Ans.—It refers to the A. P. W. which is used with a Travelling Card. It had no reference to the Semi-annual.

3. *Ques.*—Is a sister legally elected, who, belonging to a Lodge from which she has asked a withdrawal card, makes application and is elected the day before the card was issued and deposited with the Lodge?

Ans.—She is not.

7. *Decision.*—Sec. 24 of the Rebekah Code, does not prevent a brother who has asked to be reinstated in his Rebekah Lodge, and been refused, and who has demanded and received a Dismissal Certificate and paid the price required by Sec. 26, from applying upon that certificate to another Rebekah Lodge for membership immediately. He need not wait six months.

8. *Decision.*—Sec. 13 of the Rebekah Code permits the Honors of Past Noble Grands to be acquired by two members in a single term.

1st. To one serving a majority of the nights of the term and resigns before its close.

2nd. To the one elected to fill the vacancy and serving to the end of the term.

9. *Decision*.—Brothers in a Rebekah Lodge, no matter what their position, official or otherwise, can only wear the Regalia of the Subordinate Lodge.

The Regalia prescribed in the Rebekah Lodge is for sisters only.

10. *Ques*.—Does decision No. 3 of last year on Rebekah laws embrace both weekly and death benefits, or only weekly?

Ans.—It embraces both.

12. *Decision*.—In a Rebekah Lodge the chair of V. G. cannot be filled by appointment of a member from the floor, unless the member has served a term in some office other than Trustee.

13. *Decision*.—In a Rebekah Lodge the Regalia must be worn by the officers if possible. It is no sufficient excuse for omitting to do so that it is locked up in the wardrobe.

15. *Decision*.—A past Noble Grand, if duly appointed, can institute a Rebekah Lodge.

The appointment must come from the Grand Master.

16. *Decision*.—Though the law of 1889, p. 11,744, does not name Rebekah Lodges, in analogy and principle, it must apply to them as well. So applying it, a Rebekah Lodge may have six months' terms, if its By-laws so provide, and may meet semi-monthly, in which event thirteen meetings would constitute a term and seven a majority of nights of the term.

19. *Decision*.—In a Rebekah Lodge a member suspended for the nonpayment of dues, has the right to demand a Dismissal Certificate on the payment of \$1.00 without first applying for reinstatement.

20. *Decision*.—In a Rebekah Lodge no ballot is required in granting a Dismissal Certificate or Withdrawal Card.

21. *Decision*.—Upon application for a Withdrawal Card, should objection be made to its being granted, it will be proper to withhold the granting of it until proper investigation could be made, as it is a certificate of good character and fitness to visit for one year, as in a Subordinate Lodge.

23. *Decision*.—To "whisper" is "to speak in a low voice." All "whispering" is speaking "To speak" is "to utter words." (Webster.) The A. P. W. is never to be spoken, ("uttered") as a word except, etc. There is nothing in that allowing it to be uttered or spoken as a word so that any one, except the person to whom it is communicated can hear it.

The use of the S.A.P.W., is to enable the member to gain admission to any Lodge in his or her jurisdiction.

The use of the A. P. W. is now two fold. Originally it was only to test a brother or sister. Since the introduction of the Visiting and Withdrawal Cards, it is an accompaniment of them, to enable a brother or sister to visit Rebekah Lodges in other Jurisdictions, and should be given to the candidate, or sister or brother, to accompany a card, in the same cautious manner as a S. A. P. W., otherwise it is useless as an accompaniment of such card.

24. *Decision.*—Sub-division 3, of "Object and Purposes," in the Rebekah Code, has no reference whatever to the expenditure of Lodge funds. It does not permit a Rebekah Lodge to expend any of its funds for a banquet.

The purposes for which the funds may be expended are set forth in Sub-divisions 1 and 2. They are "trust funds."

25. *Decision.*—Rituals cannot be taken from the Lodge-Room even for binding. (See § 1747, in New Digest, § 1831.)

26. *Decision.*—Upon the institution of a Rebekah Lodge having no P. N. G., any qualified member, may, *during the first term*, deliver the P. N. G.'s charge.

27. *Decision.*—In initiating, the N.G. may call upon anyone qualified to give the unwritten work, but it must be under the N. G.'s' authority and control.

28. *Decision.*—The officers of the Lodge have the *right* to their respective positions upon the staff in the regular Lodge work, and cannot be deprived of that right, except by their consent.

29. *Decision.*—If an applicant has never received the Degree, she being married and her husband not an Odd-Fellow, she is not eligible to membership.

33. *Decision.*—In the absence of any limited local legislation, the declaration of the S. G. L. ("or cause them to be communicated") gives the N. G.'s of Rebekah Lodges the same power in communicating the P. W's. that is given to the N. G.'s. of Subordinate Lodges.

34. *Decision.*—The territorial limit to membership, as fixed by the S. G. L., for Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, does not apply to Rebekah Lodges, unless made so by local law.

35. *Decision.*—A woman divorced absolutely from her husband is an "unmarried woman," and eligible to membership in a Rebekah Lodge.

36. *Decision.*—The former Rebekah law predicated membership upon a majority vote. The present law predicates it upon the number of

black balls cast. If three appear the candidate is rejected, though fifty white balls should be cast. Any law that now predicates membership upon a *majority* vote in null and void.

37. *Decision.*—If by "grass widow" is meant one living apart from her husband, he being alive, she is not eligible to membership.

39. *Decision.*—The Rebekah Code, being in the "list of supplies" published by the S. G. L., it is not permissible for a Grand Officer to publish it with other laws of the Jurisdiction.

41. *Decision.*—The wife of a suspended member, if she has never had the Degree, is ineligible until her husband regains full membership.

45. *Decision.*—Section 1236, of the Digest of 1889, and printed on the back of Rebekah blanks for reports, is obsolete and omitted in the new Digest.

46. *Decision.*—Section 22, of the Rebekah Code of 1895, last clause, gives Grand Lodges power to fix the penalty for neglect to make returns, and a Constitution fixing such penalty for a time longer or shorter than the month allowed under the old law, for forfeiture of charter, is legal.

47. *Decision.*—A clause in a Rebekah Constitution, depriving a member six months in arrears for dues, from holding office or taking part in Lodge proceedings, does not violate any law of the S. G. L.

48. *Ques.*—Can a Rebekah Lodge legally give an exhibition drill in costume before persons not members of a Rebekah Lodge, using the drill or floor work pertaining to the Degree?

Ans.—In the negative.

49. *Ques.*—Can they use the costumes pertaining to the Degree in giving a public exhibition?

Ans.—They cannot legally do so.

50. *Ques.*—Can a Rebekah Lodge have photographs of the Staff taken in the robes and costumes used in conferring the Degree, and place these photographs on sale to Odd Fellows?

Ans.—They cannot legally do so.

SUBORDINATE LODGE DECISIONS.

71. *Decision.*—Section 11 of Article I. (Con. of Subs.) saying ("or within a less distance to any other Lodge,") is poorly worded. But it cannot be presumed that the measure of distance was to be by an air-line, as that has application only to winged animals.

Distance for all others is always measured by some *traveled* route. I therefore construe your case to mean, by the nearest *traveled* route.

72. *Decision.*—A clause in a Sub. Con. requiring the Brother who casts a black ball to "communicate in writing to the Noble Grand his reasons for so doing," is illegal and void. The right to the secret ballot is sacred, no Brother being required to disclose or divulge it to any one.

73. *Decision.*—The general law does not require a Brother to exhaust his remedies in the Order before resorting to the civil courts.

If the Constitution or By-laws of his Lodge require it, he must do so in order to gain a standing in Court, as they form his contract with the Lodge.

74. *Decision.*—A Grand Master cannot under the law excluding saloon keepers from membership, change the form of admission so as to require the candidate to pledge himself not to engage in that business after admission. The Grand Lodge may.

75. *Decision.*—A Grand Lodge may by law declare it "conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow," to engage in the saloon business.

It has no power to say that those engaged in it, when the 5th amendment was passed, are guilty of such conduct, and subject them to it.

76. *Decision.*—Professional gamblers in violation of the laws of the State and those selling intoxicating liquors in violation of the laws of the State, were before the 5th amendment was passed, subject to discipline and expulsion.

88. *Ques.*—Under the new Section 5 of Art. XVI. of the Sovereign Grand Lodge Constitution, is a Brother liable to charges, who, not being engaged as a "saloon keeper," or "bartender" at the time the law was passed, has since engaged in it?

Ans.—This question involves the proper construction of the new constitutional provision, cancelling membership.

It declares in effect that though a person possess every necessary qualification for membership, yet if engaged in the saloon business as proprietor or bar-tender, he is unworthy admission into the Order. *i. e.* Is doing an act "unbecoming an Odd Fellow."

If being so engaged is "conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow," how much more so, for a *member* with the law before him, voluntarily to engage in it?

I hold, therefore, that a member of the Order, not now in the business who voluntarily engages in it in either of the prohibited forms, is guilty of "conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow," and liable to charges. This must not be understood to apply to those who were members and

so engaged at the time the law was passed. They had acquired vested rights under the law as it previously existed, and cannot be disturbed. But when they give up the business, they cannot again return to it without a violation of the law, as I construe it.

89. *Decision.*—A brother seeking to change his membership under the Laws of 1880 and 1884-5, by depositing his visiting card, and being elected, sickens and dies after his Lodge votes a withdrawal card, but before it reaches the Lodge electing him, he not having signed the constitution and by-laws, nor paid the admission fee, is not entitled to sick or funeral benefits from either Lodge.

90. *Decision.*—A saloon-keeper in the Order at the time of the passage of the 5th amendment, and only a scarlet degree member, is eligible to membership in the encampment, or any branch of the Order of which he is not a member.

91. *Decision.*—A Grand Patriarch removing from his jurisdiction before his term expires vacates the office and loses the honors. The one appointed to fill the vacancy and serves to the end of the term is entitled to them.

94. *Decision.*—When provision is made for Past Grands to vote for Grand Officers in their Lodges they are not entitled to vote in Grand Lodge, unless they are representatives though they neglect to vote in their Lodge.

96. *Decision.*—There is no law of the Sovereign Grand Lodge fixing a minimum fee for initiation.

98. *Decision.*—A Grand Master cannot set aside the action of his Grand Lodge, though in changing the place of meeting of a Sub-Lodge—it acts upon the petition of members without the knowledge of the Lodge, and upon learning which the Lodge officially remonstrates.

He can suspend action, and should do so until he can present the remonstrance to his Grand Lodge and have the subject reviewed and the Lodge given a hearing.

99. *Decision.*—A N. G., who resigns before the end of the term, is not entitled the Honors, though he serve a majority of the nights of the term.

100. *Decision.*—The V. G. is not eligible to the office of N. G. in case of his resignation, though he has served a majority of the nights of the term.

101. *Decision.*—Decision No. 9, made last year, does not apply to other than Rebekah Lodges.

108. *Decision.*—A suspended member for non-payment of dues is still a member, and if in the saloon business when suspended and has not

abandoned it, he is eligible to reinstatement in his Lodge.

104. *Decision.*—The 5th Section of Art. XVI. takes from those in the Order no rights they were then enjoying, so long as they continue to use them.

Should they at any time give up the business, they cannot again resume it, as that would be an overt act, for which they would be liable to charges.

106. *Decision.*—By the general law, a soldier sick in a hospital for soldiers, and there supported, is entitled to benefits if in good standing.

108. *Decision.*—A N. G. though absent on business by permission of his Lodge, so that he does not serve a majority of the nights of the term, is not entitled to the honors of the office.

Though he resigns before the term closes, and is re-elected, and serves to the end of the term, he does not thereby become entitled to the honors.

109. *Decision.*—A Grand Master may disregard a constitutional provision, if it is clearly in conflict with the Law of the S. G. L.

110. *Decision.*—Withdrawal Cards, if granted, must be revoked if charges are preferred, but if the charges are not sustained, they must be returned.

111. *Decision.*—A hotel keeper is not a saloon keeper. If he has a bar and tends to it he is a bartender, and as such is excluded from membership.

112. *Decision.* No permission a Grand Master can give will make it legal to elect a candidate outside his own jurisdiction, unless the Lodge of the contiguous jurisdiction is nearer the candidates residence, than any one in his own.

113. *Decision.*—The S. G. L. construes its own laws and passes upon the propriety and legality of those passed by Grand bodies, and in the interim of sessions devolves this duty upon the Grand Sire, when asked, whose decision thereon is to be followed until overruled by the S. G. L.

115. *Decision.*—Lodges may provide by By-law, unless the local law prevents, for the payment of benefits to Scarlet degree members only, and not for the first week's sickness.

116. *Decision.*—There is no law of the S. G. L. that prevents a Lodge leasing its property for a saloon.

117. *Decision.*—A Grand Lodge may reduce the minimum benefits to \$1.00 after the first year by a General Law passed, or by approving the By-laws of a Lodge so fixing them. The power to enable its Subordinates to pass such a by-law is vested in the G. L.

118. *Decision.*—The approval of a by-law of a Subordinate Lodge fixing the benefits to be paid at \$1.00 after the first year, by the Grand Lodge, does not make it a general law.

119. *Decision.*—A By-law approved by its Grand Lodge fixing the benefits to be paid at \$1.00 per week after the first fifty-two weeks, may, if so worded, embrace the weeks a Brother is sick before as well as after the passage of the By-law, he being sick at the time of its passage.

120. *Decision.*—A Grand Master has no power to to compel uniform fees for initiation and Degrees, so long as they are what the law requires.

Such an act would be in conflict with the laws of the Sovereign Grand Lodge in regard to Lodge rights.

121. *Decision.*—A Grand Master has no right to direct a Subordinate Lodge to send its questions to the Grand Sire, and refuse to answer them himself, or to direct it to ask the Grand Sire for his decision, though the law upon which his decision is asked may not be pleasing or satisfactory to the Grand Master.

124. *Decision.*—It is not lawful for a Lodge to initiate one candidate and permit others to sit and witness it. All must pass through the ceremony.

125. *Decision.*—Initiatory members engaged in the saloon business when Section 5 of Art. XVI. was passed, if they have continued in it, may be advanced to all of the Degrees, though so engaged when seeking advancement.

126. *Decision.*—There is no general law that prohibits a Grand Lodge from discriminating, as to the amount those in the State or out, shall pay for admission on Dismissal Certificates.

127. *Decision.*—It is a gross violation of law for a Lodge to use or have in its possession, any work purporting to be the Secret Work of Odd Fellowship, except that issued by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, certified by the Grand Secretary, under Seal.

128. *Decision.*—A Grand Lodge Certificate issued to a member of a defunct Lodge does not have the effect of a Withdrawal Card from a Subordinate Lodge in date. That law was repealed in 1884. Since then it has only the effect of a Withdrawal Card over a year old.

129. *Decision.*—It is illegal for Subordinate Lodges to pay out of their funds to a Physician hired by the year unless lawfully authorized by local law.

130. *Decision.*—The paraphernalia used in the Secret work cannot be worn by the officers on the occasion of a public anniversary of a Lodge.

131. *Decision.*—Holders of a Grand Lodge Card as members of a defunct Lodge, if saloon-keepers or bar-tenders, cannot be admitted to membership.

132. *Decision.*—"Change of residence," in the law of 1880, means from one place to another. Not from one Jurisdiction to another merely.

133. *Decision.*—"Change of Residence," in the law of 1887, means from one place to another, without reference to Jurisdictions.

134. *Decision.*—A Visiting Card can be used in the Jurisdiction in which it is issued, and the Brother holding it may be admitted on it and the A. T. P. W. though he may be without the term P. W. of his Jurisdiction.

136. *Decision.*—The Anniversary Proclamation of the Grand Sire, gives no authority to wear the regalia or display any of the emblems of the Order, where a dance or banquet or other social is held in connection with the anniversary.

137. *Decision.*—It is a violation of the law to rehearse any Degrees or Secret Work in the Lodge room, except the authorized work prepared by the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

140. *Decision.*—The Honorable Veteran Jewel is predicated on continuous membership "for 50 consecutive years," (1894, p. 13,974). The continuity of years is not broken, if the brother is in full membership during a part of each of the 50 years. This is as it should be, so as to allow brothers to take a Withdrawal Card, to form a new Lodge, or to remove from one place to another without forfeiting his right to this honor, provided he makes full membership within the life of his card.

141. *Decision.*—The widows' and orphans' fund is a "special trust fund," and cannot be used to pay funeral benefits, though the brother leaves widow and orphan children. It is for their direct and individual support.

142. *Decision.*—The power given to a G. M. to suspend and take from a Lodge its Charter, is a highly penal power and should be exercised only in extreme cases, when injury to the Order is imminent.

143. *Decision.*—When the authority to suspend a Lodge is specially given to the G. M. he cannot delegate that authority to the judgment of another to determine the necessity for its exercise.

144. *Decision.*—By General Law the G. M. has no power to turn over the Charter and effects of a suspended Lodge to a new Lodge organized by a few of the former members of the suspended Lodge. Unless so empowered by the local law his action would be illegal.

145. *Decision.*—A soldier in the U. S. service detailed to do duty in the Post Exchange, may perform any of the duties assigned to him by

his superior officer whether in the beer or any other department, and in so doing is not a bar-tender within the meaning of § 5 of Art. XVI. He is acting under orders that he is not at liberty to disobey.

148. *Decision.*—A Lodge receiving a member by Card, in the same Jurisdiction, at a distance from his residence—farther from his residence than many other Lodges—violates the law that requires him to join the Lodge nearest his residence.

149. *Decision.*—A Brother joining a Lodge by Card, is presumed to know the law requiring him to join the one nearest his residence, and in joining one at a greater distance, is guilty of a violation of law.

150. *Decision.*—Where a Brother joins a Lodge by Card, that is more remote from his residence than several others, the Lodge admitting him should be required to refund the money and cancel the membership. What discipline for the illegal act should be visited upon the offending Lodge and Brother, must be determined by the Grand Master under the authority given him by local law.

153. A druggist is not a "saloon-keeper," though he sells liquor for other than mechanical, chemical and medicinal purposes.

154. *Decision.*—Should a person, keeping a drug store, open a bar and sell liquor over it, to be drank on his premises, he would become a saloon-keeper as well, and should he tend the bar as well as his drug store, he would become a bar-tender, and inadmissible into the Order.

155. *Decision.*—The Grand Sire cannot hear appeals from any Subordinate Lodge, except those under the immediate jurisdiction of the S. G. L.

156. *Decision.*—A By-law, permitting firemen to retire, upon an alarm of fire without addressing the Chair, during the conferring of a Degree, is illegal.

157. *Decision.*—The law of 1880, in regard to Cards to members of defunct Lodges, being self-contradictory, was changed in 1881, giving to such Cards the same force and effect of a Card from a Subordinate Lodge.

This was repealed by implication in 1884, and so stood until 1890, when it was enacted that such Cards did not carry with them the right to the A. T. P. W., but gave only the rights of an Ancient Odd Fellow. Such is the law now.

159. *Decision.*—The Constitutional Amendment, § 5, Art. XVI., does not exclude from membership a waiter in a restaurant or hotel where there is no bar.

160. *Decision.* When the by-laws of a Lodge provide for reference of application for membership to a committee, but state that an applicant

for reinstatement, upon payment of one year's dues, shall, upon ballot, be reinstated; no reference to a committee is required, but the by-law is defective. It should require its reference to a committee, as in case of an applicant for membership.

161. *Decision.*—The donation of \$2,000 to the widow of a deceased brother would be a violation of the law in regard to "trust funds."

162. *Decision.*—Under the clause "Legitimate Expenses of the Order," a Lodge cannot vote money to the widow of one who was never a member of the Order.

163. *Decision.*—It is not legal to allow a call for aid from the Lodges to assist those who are suffering from a foreign war, and who are not members of the Order.

164. *Decision.*—For "persistent disobedience" a Grand Master, under general law, has power to suspend a Lodge until the Grand Lodge shall hear and determine the case.

165. *Decision.*—If the card of a sojourning brother states that his Lodge pays for watchers, and the amount, the Lodge having the brother in charge, in case of sickness, has a right to pay not exceeding that amount, notwithstanding it may provide for watching with its own sick by draft of its members.

166. *Decision.*—The By-Laws of a Lodge providing for hiring watchers and the amount to be paid, when a brother is sick at home, though silent as to this sickness when absent, authorizes a Lodge having the brother in charge, away from his home, to pay for watchers the same amount.

167. *Decision.*—Lodges and Encampments are not on the same basis as to terms. The former can have no terms in which seven meetings form a majority of the meeting nights of the term.

168. *Decision.*—A member legally suspended for non-payment of dues can be re-instated only in the manner provided by the local law.

169. *Decision.*—Waiters in the dining-room of a hotel, who serve meals to guests and with them wine or other liquors called for only, cannot be classed as bartenders.

170. *Decision.*—Decision No. 101, Page 14,251 Journal of 1895, does not apply to District or County Jurisdictions, but to State or Grand Jurisdictions only.

172. *Decision.*—Dues against an expelled member restored to membership on appeal to the Sovereign Grand Lodge begin to accrue from the time the decision is officially announced to the Lodge.

173. *Decision.*—The Grand Sire is not permitted to consider appeals from Subordinate Lodges nor members not under the immediate Jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

174. *Decision.*—The emblems or name of the Order cannot be used in a memorial window of a church, except in memory of a deceased Brother. For that purpose they may be as legitimately used there as upon a tablet or tombstone erected to his memory.

175. *Decision.*—No member can occupy any position or deliver any charge in a Degree Staff that he is not qualified to fill by the rank he has attained as a member of the Order.

176. *Decision.*—A Brother taken sick before he has been a member six months under a By-Law requiring six months membership before being entitled to benefits, is entitled to benefits if the sickness continues, as soon as and from the time the six months expires.

178. *Decision.*—Returns of a Grand Lodge in accordance with instructions though arising upon petitions, should go the Committee of Appeals, and an appeal from the action of the Grand Lodge is the proper course to bring the case to a final determination before the S. G. L.

179. *Decision.*—Two Subordinates having voted according to the requirements of the local law, and fully complied with that law, have nothing more to do than to turnover the books, effects, roll of members, etc. to the Consolidated Lodge, and organize under the new name and number.

180. *Decision.*—A member may change his membership under and in the manner provided in Section 668, though in the saloon business, without subjecting himself to any disability under section 5 of Art. XVI.

Depositing his Visiting Card and being elected to membership upon it before his Lodge votes the Withdrawal Card, makes his membership continuous, though it is not completed, until the Card reaches the Lodge he has joined and he has signed the constitution.

181. *Decision.*—A saloon keeper or bar-tender, taking a Withdrawal Card is entitled to the A. T. P. W., and may visit upon them one year though he continues the business.

182. *Decision.*—The law of 1894, making the Chaplain a qualifying office for V. G., is not retro-active, and applies only to those who shall serve in that office after its passage.

183. *Decision.*—A tavern keeper is not necessarily excluded from membership under § 5 of Art. XVI. If he has a bar in his house and tends it, he is a bar-tender, and as such excluded.

188. *Decision.*—The G. L. Constitution, § 1, Art. 1, provides that the officers shall be G. M., D. G. M., G. Sec., G. Treas., G. Warden, G. Chap., G. Marshal, G. Cond., and G. Herald.

189. *Decision.*—The payment of dues is a fundamental principle of the Order, which no Lodge, Grand or Subordinate, can dispense with or evade.

If a brother performs service for his Lodge, for which he may be legitimately paid, the amount must be paid to him, and the order drawn in the usual manner.

190. *Ques.*—Is such a By-Law of a Subordinate Lodge legal and proper: "On the death of a member entitled to benefits, the lodge should pay, as soon as practicable, a person whom they may decide upon, such a sum of money as an assessment of \$1. on every member in good standing will amount to; said assessment shall be levied by the Lodge and charged to every member, and when collected shall be paid into the general fund, to reimburse the Lodge for the funeral expenses. In no case shall more than \$100 be paid for funeral expenses.

Ans.—No.

191. *Ques.*—Is the following By-Law of a Subordinate Lodge legal? "Each member shall pay into the treasury, \$1.00 per year, to be placed in a special fund to be called the 'Good of the Order Fund,' this to be used as the Lodge may direct Each member shall have the same charged to him, and it shall be treated as dues or other assessments, one-quarter payable quarterly."

Ans.—In the negative.

193. *Ques.*—A committee upon an application for membership, returns the application to the Lodge without making any report, having held it a week. The Constitution contains the usual provision, allowing an application to be withdrawn at any time before the report of the committee. The reasons for their not reporting appear in oral statement, upon which a question is raised. Can a proposer withdraw the application without having those reasons appear upon the record?

Ans.—Yes, if he so desires.

195. *Ques.*—Is it competent for a brother in good standing to change his relation with the Order from that of a beneficial to a non-beneficial member. If so how can it be done?

Ans.—It is, if he be over 50 years of age.

It can be done by withdrawing from the Lodge and applying for re-admission as a non-beneficial member. See Sections 616-617-618 of the Code of 1895.

EXTRACT FROM THE GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

RETURNS FOR THE YEARS 1894 AND 1895.

	Dec. 31st, 1894.	Dec. 31st, 1895.	Increase.	Decrease.
Grand Lodges.....	56	56		
Grand Encampments....	50	50		
Subordinate Lodges.....	10,592	10,875	283	
Subordinate Encampmts	2,610	2,628	18	
Rebekah Lodges.....	3,627	4,111	484	
Lodge Initiations.	63,845	63,219		626
Encampment Initiations.	9,407	10,832	1,425	
Lodge Members.....	790,795	779,985	9,190	
Encampment Members..	134,330	132,694		1,636
Rebekah Members.....	225,189	253,043	27,854	
Relief of Lodges.	\$2,993,457 69	\$3,007,081 33	\$13,723 64	
Relief by Encampments.	284,540 33	278,980 08		\$5,560 25
Relief by Rebekah Lodge	45,313 94	47,761 73	2,447 79	
Total Relief.....	3,323,311 96	3,333,923 14	10,611 18	
Revenue of Lodges.....	7,474,338 06	7,587,850 39	113,512 33	
Revenue of Encampmts	615,932 07	622,357 83	6,425 76	
Revenue of Reb. Lodges.	337,600 40	380,795 99	43,195 59	
Total Revenue.....	8,427,870 53	8,591,004 21	166,133 68	

STATISTICS OF THE ORDER FROM 1830 TO DECEMBER 31st, 1895, INCLUDING
AUSTRALASIA, GERMANY, DENMARK AND SWITZERLAND.

Initiations in Subordinate Lodges	2,077,446
Members Relieved.....	1,992,280
Widowed families relieved.	221,734
Members deceased.....	193,730
Total Relief	\$71,288,702 95
Total Receipts.....	185,676,906 82

CONDITION OF THE ORDER DECEMBER 31st, 1895.

Sovereign Grand Lodge	1
Independent Grand Lodges (German Empire, Australasia, Denmark and Switzerland).....	4
Subordinate Grand Encampments.....	54
Subordinate Grand Lodges.....	66
Subordinate Encampments	2,651
Subordinate Lodges.....	11,222
Encampment Members	133,857
Lodge Members.....	825,629
Rebekah Lodges.....	4,117
Sisters, members of Rebekah Lodges.....	143,251
Brothers, members of Rebekah Lodges.....	110,242

CONCLUSION.

There is little to be said in explanation of the figures exhibited in this report. Our gain in membership has not equalled our anticipations but there is no reason for discouragement. When the sun again shines upon this country and business resumes its former position, when the hives of industry are opened and the laborers who have long been idle assume their old vocations, we may reasonably expect that our Order will feel the effect of the change and the doors will be opened to many, who will no doubt seek admission to our Lodge rooms

The officers and members present at this session will, no doubt, carry to their distant homes the most pleasant recollections of their short sojourn in the sunny South. They will realize, as never before, the magnificence, grandeur and beauty of our glorious country. Not only will the citizens of the United States be proud of the exhibit, but our Brethren of Canada will appreciate that we are in an American City, in an American State, on American soil.

I trust that the business of the session will be harmoniously and promptly transacted, and that we shall return to our several homes well pleased with our visit to the beautiful and progressive State of Texas.

Fraternally,

THEO. A. ROSS,

Grand Secretary.

Baltimore, Md., September, 1896.

In all likelihood this is the last official Report from Bro. Ross as he failed to be re-elected. That office being filled by Rep. J. Frank Grant from Kentucky, who is held in the highest esteem in the . G. Lodge.

EXTRACT FROM THE REPORT OF M. R. MUCKLE, GRAND TREASURER.

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The undersigned has the honor to submit his annual report of the financial condition of the Sovereign Grand Lodge for the fiscal year ending July 31, 1896.

	1895.	GRAND TREASURER.	DR.
Oct. 7.	To cash balance received this day from hands of the late Grand Treasurer, Isaac A. Sheppard.....		\$4,358 25
Nov. 12.	To cash from sale of \$10,000.00 of P. W. & B. R. R. 4 per cent. bonds at \$1.04.....		10,4000 00
"	To cash from sale of \$15,000.00 Lehigh Valley R. R. 4½ per cent. bonds at \$1.03½		15,525 00
1896.			
July 31.	To cash for sundry sums of money received from Theo. A. Ross, Grand Secretary, from Oct. 7, 1895, to July 31, 1896.....		55,176 25
	Aggregating.....		\$85,459 50

Warrants drawn.....	\$56,949 73
July 31. By balance cash in banks	28,509 77
	\$85,459 50

Fraternally submitted,
M. RICHARDS MUCKLE,
Philadelphia, July 31, 1896. GRAND TREASURER.

APPEAL CASES.

Sixteen cases were presented to the Appeal Committee for their report which can be found by referring to Journal of Sovereign Grand Lodge.

The next meeting of the Sovereign Grand Lodge will be held at Springfield, Illinois.

NEW RITUALS TO BE ISSUED.

The following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, At the present Session the Rituals of the Rebekah Lodges and of the Patriarchs Militant have been by revision made practically new throughout; and

WHEREAS, No edition has been published by this Grand Body since 1880, covering the amendments and additions to the Rituals of Subordinate Lodges and Encampments during all said years; and

WHEREAS, Increased interest will be given to the work of all Subordinate Lodges and Encampments by the use of new and revised Rituals and by uniformity of the work; therefore

Resolved,—That the Grand Secretary shall furnish to the Committee on Printing Supplies all additions and amendments made by this Grand Body to the Rituals of Subordinate Lodges, Encampments, Rebekah Lodges and Cantons, including the amendments adopted at this Session.

Resolved, further,—That said Committee on Printing Supplies shall procure the compilation and publication of revised editions of the said Rituals of Subordinate Lodges, Encampments, Rebekah Lodges and Cantons; that said revised editions be placed on sale by the Grand Secretary as soon as practicable after January 1st, 1897. That the prices of said revised Rituals be the same as now fixed for the present editions, and that said revisions be furnished to Grand and Subordinate Bodies in exchange for copies of the old editions at one-half the prices so fixed.

Resolved,—That Grand Jurisdictions through their Grand Masters, Grand Patriarchs and Department Commanders, be, and they are hereby, directed to cause their Subordinates to procure and use such revised Rituals when the same shall be ready for distribution under the terms of the above resolutions.

Resolved, further,—That all Rituals so received in exchange for new Rituals shall be destroyed by burning, under the direction of the Committee on Printing Supplies, and that said Committee shall file with the Grand Secretary their Certificate showing such destruction.

AGED ODD FELLOWS OF DEFUNCT LODGES.

For some time there has been a growing sentiment that provision should be made for aged members of defunct Lodges, who on account of advanced years could not find Subordinates that were willing to accept them as beneficial members. Ample provision for the protection of such Brothers was made by the adoption of a resolution from the special committee appointed to report on the matter of aged Odd Fellows.

VISITING CERTIFICATE.

Reps. GRASSMAN and ISZARD, of New Jersey, presented the following :

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

"Resolved, that the Representatives to the Sovereign Grand Lodge again be directed to urge upon the Sovereign Grand Lodge the propriety of abolishing the present form of Visiting Cards, and in place of the same to issue an official receipt and a general Term Password uniform in its entire Jurisdiction."

In conformity with the above we respectfully offer the following :

WHEREAS, One of the principal privileges of membership in our great Order is the right of intervisitation in a body or as individuals, indiscriminately of the Jurisdiction to which they may be attached ; and

WHEREAS, The membership on the borders of contiguous Jurisdictions is not availing itself of this privilege to such an extent as would be desirable and conducive to the prosperity of Lodges and Encampments so located, as well as beneficial to the membership of the same, and

WHEREAS, Said privilege is practically made useless and to a certain extent inoperative by the irksome and cumbersome formalities required to be observed to obtain the same, to-wit, the "Visiting Cards," without which it is well known no member can lawfully gain admittance into a Lodge or Encampment of another Jurisdiction, except when introduced by an elective Grand Officer ; and

WHEREAS, Numerous Odd Fellows, members of one Jurisdiction live in another, closely bordering on your own, seldom or ever visit such Lodges or Encampments, because they are not in possession of a Visiting Card, and, therefore, cannot legally visit, as such members have obtained a receipt for dues paid and decline to pay twenty-five cents or more for another one, in the shape of a Visiting Card ; and

WHEREAS, Our great Order claims to be, and is, progressive in its character, which feature has raised it to the first benevolent Organization on the face of the globe, it is the opinion of a large majority of the membership that the progressive spirit of our century should be applied to this relic of the past and that this Sovereign Grand Lodge should adopt such measures as will afford proper relief to the membership affected, and at the same time preserve the present safeguards of the Order; therefore, be it

Resolved, That there be prepared the form of a receipt for dues, etc., to be recognized as evidence of good standing, when the holder desires to make visitation in another Jurisdiction, in lieu of a Visiting Card. Said form of a receipt to be universal throughout all the Jurisdictions on this continent, and to be used as the only and legal receipt for dues, assessments, fees, etc., by all Lodges, Encampments and Rebekah Lodges. The A. T. P. W., or a substitute therefor, to be communicated to every member when paying his dues, and the privilege to visit in another Jurisdiction to depend upon his receipt, which shall bear his signature on the margin, the genuineness of which he must prove before the Examining Committee, and the proper password.

Said receipts to be sold by the Grand Secretary of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, to the Grand Secretaries and Grand Scribes of Subordinate Grand Bodies, and to the Lodges and Encampments under the immediate Jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge on this continent as regular supplies, conformable to the rules and regulations governing the sale of all supplies by the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

Said form of receipt to be plainly bound in a convenient shape and size, with stub attached to each receipt, shall be furnished to Subordinate Grand Bodies and to Lodges and Encampments under the immediate jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge on this continent at an advance not to exceed . . . per centum of the actual cost, and by Subordinate Grand Bodies to their respective Subordinates at an additional advance of . . . per centum, whereby the supposed loss from the sale of Visiting Cards, in our opinion, will not only be amply covered, but will also largely increase the revenue of this Sovereign Grand Lodge.

Provided, however, that nothing in these preambles and resolution shall be so construed as to intend to abolish or restrict the present use and purposes of the Visiting Card, or to abrogate any of the rights and privileges to which its holder is thereby entitled under the present laws of the Order; on the contrary, any Brother who by the general laws of the Order is qualified to apply for the same, shall be entitled to receive a Visiting Card as heretofore, and the holding of such Visiting Card shall be *prima facie* evidence of good standing in the Order; and it is further

Provided, That upon the presentation of an official receipt only, a Lodge or Encampment shall not be required to pay sick or funeral benefits or render other pecuniary aid to a member of another Jurisdiction unless so directed by the Lodge or Encampment of which the Brother is a member, in which case such benefits or moneys paid shall constitute a legal claim against such Lodge or Encampment; and be it further

Resolved, That a Special Committee of Five (to whom we ask this resolution to be referred) shall report at this or at the next session of this Sovereign Grand Lodge, and be instructed to submit such form or forms as will properly meet this growing demand of our Order and effectually accomplish the desired form.

SICK BENEFITS.

The following is important to all Lodges:

REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY.

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee has considered the following, which was referred to it, coming from the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, viz: A Lodge's By-laws provide for the payment of dues on or before the 4th meeting night in the quarter, and that a sick Brother shall not receive benefits for the first week of sickness. The 4th meeting night in the quarter occurred on the 22nd day of the month. A Brother was taken very sick on the 16th of the month, he then being in good standing, and remained sick for many months thereafter. His quarterly dues were not paid until the 27th of the month, but caused himself to be reported sick at the same time. Was the Brother a beneficiary member? Recommend that it be answered, yes.

Which report was adopted.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

Rep. Phillips, of British Columbia, laid on the table the following proposition to amend the Constitution:

Amend Article XII., in the first line, by striking out the word "annually" and insert "biennially" in lieu thereof, and the same to take effect after the meeting in 1898, so as to conform to the term of the officers of this Grand Lodge.

JOS. E. PHILLIPS, British Columbia,
O. J. SEMMES,

DANIEL WELSH,
P. H. PELLETIER, N. C.

Rep. Phillips, of British Columbia, laid on the table the following proposition to amend the Constitution:

To amend Article XVI., Section 2, of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, so as to read:

Sec. 2. No person shall be entitled to admission to the Order except free white males who have arrived at the age of eighteen years, who believe in the existence of a Supreme Being, the Creator and Preserver of the Universe; Provided, that in Australia, New Zealand and other countries not on the continent of North America in which the Order has been or may hereafter be established, and a Grand Lodge or Grand Lodges formed, the qualification as to age shall be left to local legislation.

Respectfully submitted,

JOS. E. PHILLIPS, British Columbia.

D. WELSH, British Columbia.

D. E. McKINNON, Manitoba

E. S. CONWAY, Illinois.

O. J. SEMMES, Alabama.

Your Representatives have hopes that this motion dealing with the age question will carry at the next Session if it is brought to the notice of the different Representatives prior to the meeting.

Rep. Hoyle, of Ontario, moved the following, which was approved on recommendation of the Committee on Finance:

Resolved,—That the Sovereign Grand Lodge prepay the duty on all supplies purchased by the Provinces of the Dominion of Canada, and the same be referred to the Committee on Finance for consideration.

CONCLUSION.

Your Representatives have carried out the instructions given us last year at Nanaimo, so far as we were able.

In concluding this report, we desire to thank you for the honor conferred upon us, as it is indeed a very high honor, to represent British Columbia in the Sovereign Grand Lodge where over one million members have to be legislated for. Trusting that our actions will meet your approval,

We remain, yours in
F. L. & T.,

JOS. E. PHILLIPS, } Grand Representatives.
D. WELSH. }

The Grand Master appointed Rep. V. Hicks, No. 19, to fill vacancy on Committee on Judiciary caused by absence of Rep. Lott, No. 16, also S. Clarke, M. D., No. 9, in the place of Rep. E. C. Davison, No. 9, on Committee on State of the Order; and the following to form the Special Committee on "Juvenile Degree:"—J. E. Phillips, P. G. M., No. 3, D. McMillan, No. 33, A. Wilson, No. 20, G. R. Gordon, No. 26, A. H. Gillanders, No. 7.

The Committee on Distribution presented the following Report which was on motion adopted.

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Distribution beg to recommend that the following assignment be made of the matters dealt with in the Grand Secretary's report.

To the Committee on the State of the Order:

The paragraphs headed, "New Lodges" and "Defunct Lodges," page 1; "Tabulated Statements," pages 3, 4 and 5. and the abstracts of the Reports of Lodges appended to the Report.

To the Committee on Finance:

Those portions of page 2 relating to amounts received and sums due by Defunct Lodges, Bonds, Rituals, and Official Certificates, Page 3; New Digests for D. D. G. M's., Odd Fellows Home; Pages 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11, Financial Statement.

To the Committee on Printing the advisability of printing the abstract of Property Reports of Sub-Lodges.

T. F. NEELANDS,
R. ROBERTS,
ARTHUR WILSON.
Committee.

The Committee on Laws of Subordinates submitted the following Report :

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F.

Your Committee on Laws of Subordinates beg to report that they have examined the following By-Laws and amendments thereto, of the Lodges of this jurisdiction during the past year :

COMPLETE CODES.

MIZPAH REBEKAH LODGE, No. 2.

AMENDMENTS.

"Harmony," No. 7, approved amendments. Repealing Sec. 2 and 3 of Art. XVII. amending Art. XX, re payment of funeral benefits, amending duties of Treasurer, appointment of nurses, medical certificates of candidates for membership, fees for degrees, payment of Secretary, duties of trustees, assessment to nurse fund, fines and assessments chargeable as dues in May and November of each year.

"Tatnai," No. 9, Sec. 4, Art. XV. reducing Initiation Fee from 21 to 30 years of age to \$10.

"Union" No. 11, Sec. 1 and 2, Art. X, abolishing Assessments for nursing and nurse account. Art XIV. reducing fee for admission by Deposit of Card to \$5.

"Acme," No. 14, Art. 4, Sec. VI. providing for Widows benefit at discretion of the Lodge not exceeding \$75 per annum. Rule of Order amended respecting closing Lodge or adjournment.

"Kootenay," No. 16, Art. XVII. fixing fee for admission by deposit of Card, applicants under 30 years of age at \$7. and adding new Section, making members admitted by deposit of Card eligible to benefits from date of admission.

"Vernon Valley," No. 18, amending Sec. 7, altering night of meeting. Sec. 36 and 38, reducing fees for initiation and degrees.

"Cheam," No. 28, amending Sec. 1, Art. XX, respecting amount of sick benefits to be paid and repealing Sec. 5, Art. XXII. fines of officers for absence at Roll Call.

"Amity," No. 27, Art. XV., Fee for reinstatement of members suspended for non payment of Dues.

"Peerless," No. 33, Sec. 2, Art. I, altering hour of meeting.

We were unable to approve of an amendment submitted by "Island" Lodge, No. 24, to Sec. 1, Art. XI. of its By-Laws, which gave power to the N. G., and three members to appoint a nurse when necessary, but striking out the provision for paying the nurse and leaving the payment optional to the Lodge. This appeared to your Committee to be inconsistent and therefor declined to approve such an arrangement.

JOS. E. PHILLIPS, No. 4.
THOS. E. WALLER, No. 33.
GEO. GLOVER,
R. W. FAWCETT.

It was moved, seconded and carried, that the Report be received and adopted with the exception of that portion approving of the amendment to the By-Laws of "Harmony Lodge, No. 6," providing for Fines and Assessments being chargeable as Dues in May and November of each year, which being in conflict with Sec. 3, Art. IV. of the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges be not approved.

The Committee on Laws of Subordinates submitted the following report which was adopted :

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Laws of Subordinates to whom was referred the proposed Amendment to the By-Laws of "Cloverdale Lodge, No. 15," to reduce the Dues to nine dollars per year, beg to report that the proposed amendment being contrary to Art. IV., Sec. 1, of the Constitution for Subordinate Lodges recommend that the same be not approved.

JOS. E. PHILLIPS,
JOHN CAMPBELL,
THOS. R. PATTERSON,
D. M. O'DWYER,
A. DUNLOP.

The Committee on Petitions presented the following Report which was adopted :

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F.

Your Committee on Petitions, beg to report that we have examined the petitions for the undermentioned Lodges and finding that the Law has been complied with in each case, recommend that Charters be granted:—Boundary Valley Lodge, No. 38, Greenwood City; Silver City Lodge, No. 39, Sandon; Sloean City Lodge, No. 40, Sloean City.

W. WALKER,
D. G. DAILEY,
J. A. McKAY,
W. H. LEWIS,
G. W. SHAY.

The Special Committee on Juvenile Degree submitted the following Report which was adopted :

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee to whom was referred the communication re Juvenile branches of the Order, beg to report as follows:

We have had 22 communications and find that the Lodges reporting are equally divided in favor and against the opening of any Juvenile Lodges, but those in favor did not advance any strong reasons why any change such as suggested should be made, and your Committee strongly recommend that no scheme looking to additional Degrees be entertained, as it will only add additional expense to those already contributing to the Order.

JOS. E. PHILLIPS, A. H. GILLANDERS, ARTHUR WILSON, D. McMILLAN GEO. R. GORDON.	}	Committee.
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The Committee on Printing submitted the following Report which was adopted:

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Printing to whom was referred the Report of the Grand Representatives, beg to recommend that the same be printed in the Proceedings of this Session, but that power be given to the incoming Committee on Printing to omit such portions as they may decide are not of sufficient interest or that do not affect the Lodges of this Jurisdiction.

We would also recommend that the Abstract of the Property Reports of Subordinate Lodges attached to the Grand Secretary's Report be not printed this year as the information contained therein is not as complete as it should be owing to many Lodges neglecting to report, and also in view of the expense that would be incurred in printing it.

FRED'K DAVEY, A. HENDERSON, J. NEWTON, R. J. KILPATRICK, J. C. McLAY.	}	Committee.
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The Committee on Legislation submitted the following Report which was on motion laid on the table for consideration to-morrow.

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Legislation to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Master's Report regarding provision for indigent members of defunct Lodges, beg leave to report that the subject matter is not

ripe for legislation and recommend that the further consideration of the matter be indefinitely postponed.

R. ROBERTS, W. H. HANDLEY, GEO. WOORANK, J. H. HUGHES, F. B. JACQUES.	}	Committee.
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Rep. Parker, No. 10, moved the following Resolution which was seconded by Rep. Neelands, No. 8, and carried unanimously :

WHEREAS, the 20th day of June has been appointed a general day of prayer and thanksgiving to Almighty God for the Diamond Jubilee of the reign of our Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria

Resolved,—That the Grand Master do issue a Proclamation to the Subordinate Lodges of this Jurisdiction to take appropriate action for the due commemoration of the 20th day of June, 1897, by attending some place of worship and offering up public thanksgiving to Almighty God.

Resolved,—That should any Lodge find it more convenient to select some other day they be permitted to do so.

The Grand Master presented bill for typewriting six copies of his report, amounting to eight dollars, which was on motion referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following questions were submitted by Rep. Gordon, No. 26, and on motion referred to the Committee on Judiciary :

I should be pleased to receive the opinion of the Grand Lodge now in session on the following questions :

A Brother taken sick at a distance from his Lodge returned to his own city and was sent to the hospital.

The attendant physician would not give a certificate of insanity but said that the Brother's mind was unbalanced and in his opinion the

trouble was only of a temporary nature and the Brother's chances for recovery were better in hospital than they would be if he were sent to the asylum.

The hospital authorities refused to keep the Brother unless the Lodge furnished a watcher or guard for nights. A watcher or guard was furnished at the rate of \$2.00 per night.

The hospital bill (exclusive of watcher or guard etc.) was paid from the Brother's benefits on authority of order from him. By resolution of Lodge all expenses incurred (except hospital bill) were charged against Brother's benefits.

1st. Was it legal to charge expenses incurred for Brother's removal to city against his benefits ?

2nd. Was it legal to charge amount paid for watcher or guard against his benefits ?

3rd. And if not must amount be taken from nurse fund ?

GEO. R. GORDON,

Representative Pacific Lodge, No. 26.

Rep. Huxtable, No. 1, gave the following notice to amend the By-laws of the Grand Lodge which was laid over for one day under the rule:

WHEREAS, it has been found desirable to cut down the representation to this Grand Lodge, in order to reduce the expenditure thereof, and as the law permits at present of the appointed Officers receiving their mileage and per diem; I therefore give notice, that, to-morrow, I will move to amend Section 1, of the By-laws, of this Grand Lodge, by striking out the words "*and appointed*" in the first line so as to read "Each elective officer, and the properly accredited representatives shall receive, etc,"

W. H. HUXTABLE.

A communication was read from Bro. H. J. Rickard, Editor of the "British Columbia Odd Fellow," submitting proposals for supplying this paper to all members of the Order in this Jurisdiction on the condition of receiving financial assistance from the Grand Lodge and was on motion ordered to be received and filed.

The Committee on the State of the Order submitted the following Report which was adopted:

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F.;

Your Committee on State of the Order to whom was referred certain parts of the Grand Master's address, beg to report as follows.

We view with pleasure the fact that the District Deputies with two exceptions, one of whom was connected with a Lodge which surrendered its charter, satisfactorily performed the duties allotted to them.

With reference to the decrease in membership, we believe it is due, not so much to the continued depression in trade, but to the fact, that many members are losing connection with their Lodges, on account of the migratory tendencies of our population, which owing to the extraordinary development of the mining industry has greatly increased during the past year. This fact is evidenced by the institution of new Lodges in entirely new districts, and we believe that the advance in this direction will continue and before the end of the year a considerable increase will be the result.

We note with regret that the Grand Master has had to report the surrender of the charters of two Subordinate and one Rebekah Lodge—the first time we believe that such has occurred since the institution of this Grand Lodge—and we respectfully recommend that the greatest care be exercised in granting new charters—all the conditions being fully considered, not only as regards the numbers applying, but also as to the probable future stability of the Lodges so organized.

With reference to the official receipt—in view of the fact that this matter has received so much adverse criticism in the Lodge room and through the press—the principal objections being the smallness of the card and its high price. We therefore recommend it that be enlarged in size and cheapened in price.

We commend the action of the Grand Master in paying so many official visits, especially to the outlying districts, and we recommend that the same policy be pursued in future.

We heartily endorse the sentiment of the Grand Master in regard to the B. C. Oddfellow, and recommend it to the continued support of the Order.

Respectfully submitted.

SIBREE CLARKE,	} Committee on State of the Order.
JAMES STARK,	
GEO. W. ROWLAND,	
T. A. MUIR,	
F. B. NELSON.	

The Grand Secretary presented the following notice received from the requisite number of Representatives to amend the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, copies of which had been forwarded to each Subordinate Lodge as required by law.

VICTORIA, B. C., 1st March, 1897.

*To the Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of British Columbia,
I. O. O. F.:*

The undersigned Representatives of Subordinate Lodges in this Jurisdiction hereby give notice that they will move the following amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge at its next Annual Session in June, 1897.

W. H. Huxtable,	Rep. Victoria Lodge, No. 1.
R. W. Fawcett,	" Columbia " " 2.
S. W. Edwards,	" Acme " " 14.
T. Bamford,	" Dominion " " 4.
W. J. Hanna,	" Peerless " " 33.

The Grand Secretary also submitted the following Report from the Special Committee appointed last Session on revision of Constitution etc.

VICTORIA, B. C., 26th April, 1897.

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F.:

Your Special Committee appointed last Session to submit a revision of the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge, Subordinate and Rebekah Lodges, also a draft Constitution of a Rebekah Assembly, beg to report that they have given the matter their best consideration and submit herewith the result of their labors.

The instructions of last Session to provide for a reduction of the number of Representatives from the Subordinate Lodges, to one for each Seventy-five members, also to submit a plan for the election of Grand Lodge Officers in the Subordinate Lodges, have been carried out and are incorporated in the proposed Constitution for this Grand Lodge.

* The Constitutions as adopted form an Appendix of the proceedings.

GRAND SECRETARY.

It is suggested with respect to the draft Constitution of a Rebekah Assembly submitted, that as there is no application yet before this Grand Lodge for the formation of such a body, and in view of the constant changes being made in the laws of the Rebekah branch of the Order by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, that it is inadvisable at present for this Grand Lodge to take any action on the draft Constitution, but that it be filed for future use if required.

FRED'K DAVEY,
S. W. EDWARDS,
H. WALLER.

It was on motion *Resolved*:—That the report be received and the proposed amendments considered seriatem.

The amendments proposed to Constitution of the Grand Lodge were then read and considered seriatem.

The amendment proposed to Sec. 3, Art. II. re reduction of Representation was declared lost on being submitted to the vote. 29 votes being cast in its favor and 17 against it.

The proposed amendment to Sec. 4, Art. III. providing for the election of Grand Lodge officers in the Subordinate Lodges was also declared lost. 19 votes for, 27 against.

The proposed amendment to Sec. 4, Art. II. was also defeated.

The amendment to Sec. 1, Art. III. re Grand Representatives was adopted.

The amendment to Sec. 2, Art. IV. re duties of D. D. G. M. was adopted.

The amendment to Sec. 5, Art. IV. re duties of Grand Treasurer was adopted.

The amendment to Sec. 6, Art. IV. re duties of Grand Representatives was adopted.

The amendments to Sec. 2 and 3, Art. VI. re Committee on Credentials and Election Returns were defeated.

The amendment to Sec. 5, Art. VI. re Committee on Appeals and Grievances was adopted.

The amendment to Sec. 6, Art. VI. re Committee on By-laws of Subordinates was adopted.

The amendment to Sec. 3, Art. VIII. re Committee on Finance was adopted.

The amendments to Sec. 4 and 5, Art. IX. were adopted.

Sec. 6, Art. IX. was struck out as proposed.

New Sec. 4, Art. X. re Degree Lodges was adopted.

The amendment to Sec. 3, Art. XI. re Funds of defunct Lodges was adopted.

The amendment to Sec. 5, Art. XI. re members of suspended and defunct Lodges was adopted.

The amendment to Sec. 6, Art. XI. re Restoration of Charter of defunct Lodges was adopted.

It was on motion *Resolved*:—That this Grand Lodge do now adjourn to 7.30 o'clock this evening.

The Grand Lodge adjourned accordingly.

EVENING SESSION

The Grand Lodge assembled at 7.30 p. m., the Grand Lodge Officers and a quorum of Representatives being

present. After examination of all present the Grand Lodge was declared open for business.

The Roll of Officers and Representatives was called.

The Special Committee on Statistics re Dues and Benefits submitted the following Report which was adopted.

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F.:

Your Special Committee on Statistics re Dues and Benefits beg to submit herewith an Abstract of the Returns from Subordinate Lodges of this Jurisdiction bearing on this subject for the past ten years.

It will be noticed that although there has been a decrease of 159 in membership during the past year there has been a considerable increase under the heads of "Number of Members Sick" and amount of Benefits paid; also that the average cost per member for Relief has increased \$1.90 per member.

There has been a slight decrease in the averages under all the heads for the ten years under review as compared with the report of last year.

We are pleased to observe a decrease of \$2374.81 in the cost for working expenses as compared with last year and to note that this item is less than that reported for any year since 1891; still we are of opinion that these expenses are larger than they should be, being over 31 per cent. of the gross receipts.

The total receipts last year were but \$8815.05 in excess of the total disbursements, which, considering the number of young Lodges we have, is not, in the opinion of your Committee, a sufficient surplus to carry to reserve to meet future contingencies.

The fact that two Lodges in this Jurisdiction surrendered their Charters, after having been instituted but a little over two years, presumably from want of funds to meet their liabilities for Sick Benefits calls for the serious consideration of the Grand Lodge. Either the Benefits paid are out of proportion to the sums received, or the funds of these Lodges were wasted in non-essential expenditures, such as regalia paraphernalia etc., and in either case, it should be possible, in the opinion of your Committee for the Grand Lodge to intervene and prevent if possible, such catastrophes, involving loss, disappointment and inconvenience to a great number of confiding and innocent members and discredit to the Order generally.

FRED'K DAVEY,
GEORGE NORRIS,
W. E. JOHNSTONE.

ABSTRACT OF REPORTS OF

FOR TEN YEARS

Year	No. of Members	No. Sick.	No. of Weeks Benefits Paid	Deaths.	AMOUNT PAID FOR					Total Relief
					Sick Benefits	Funeral Expenses	Widowed Families	Relief and Education of Orphans	Special Relief	
1887	802	114	658	22	\$5446 75	\$1685 00	\$ 610 00	\$	\$	\$7711 75
1888	890	116	736	10	5912 75	780 00	160 00	95 00		6947 75
1889	1017	128	893	12	7455 50	875 00	170 00	7 15		8542 65
1890	1202	132	939	6	8057 50	612 50	151 60			8821 60
1891	1430	171	1100	13	9525 70	881 50	120 00	50 00		10567 20
1892	1954	205	1164	13	9675 90	1106 00	300 00			11403 70
1893	2154	247	1279	13	10450 60	1116 00	397 00	145 00	774 00	12882 60
1894	3015	285	1606	14	13254 47	1093 00	285 00	60 00	544 00	15236 47
1895	2988	313	2053	26	17042 46	2255 50	394 30	170 65	825 55	20635 46
1896	2829	363	2601	26	20742 47	1914 49	712 45	184 50	1342 72	24896 63

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SUBORDINATE LODGES

N YEARS

ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1896.

Total
Relief

	AVERAGE.					RECEIPTS			
	Current or Working Expenses.	Sickness per Member	Cost per Member for Total Relief.	Cost M'b'r Current or Work' exp.	Cost M'b'r for all Lodge Expenditures	Dues	Initiation and Degrees	Rent and other Investments	Total
7711 75	\$7674	54 5 1/4 dys	\$ 9 61	\$ 9 57	\$ 19 18	\$	\$		\$17616 06
3947 75	6291	06 6 "	7 80	7 07	14 87				18087 16
3542 65	6377	46 6 "	8 40	6 27	14 67				18868 58
8821 60	8367	74 5 1/2 "	7 34	6 96	14 30				24721 79
0567 20	12107	37 5 1/3 "	7 39	8 47	15 86				29591 26
1408 70	18660	41 4 1-6 "	5 84	9 55	15 39				41142 93
2882 60	16111	97 4 1-6 "	5 98	7 48	13 46				42480 02
5236 47	22077	36 3 2/3 "	5 05	7 32	12 37	27492 65	14909 50	10275 53	53798 79
0635 46	17919	01 4 2/3 "	6 90	6 00	12 90	31992 51	5085 50	7089 44	50191 98
1896 63	15544	20 6 5-12	8 80	5 50	14 30	30955 77	4610 00	9151 00	49255 88

Average sickness per member during 10 years..... 5 1-10 days.
 " cost per member for total relief during 10 years..... \$ 7.31.
 " " " " current expenses during 10 yrs.. 7.41.
 " " " " all Lodge expenditures during
 10 years..... 14.73.

The Committee on State of the Order submitted the following Report which was adopted.

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on State of the Order to whom was referred the reports of the D.D.G. Masters, beg to state that these reports are, on the whole, very satisfactory, showing that the District Deputies have faithfully performed their duties, that peace and harmony prevail, and that the work of the Subordinate Lodges is, with few exceptions, good.

Fraternally submitted,

SIBREE CLARKE,
JAMES STARK,
GEO. W. ROWLAND,
F. B. NELSON,
T. A. MUIR.

The Committee on State of the Order presented the following Report which was adopted.

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on the State of the Order to whom was referred portions of the Grand Secretary's report, beg to report as follows:

The portions relating to new and defunct Lodges has been dealt with by us in another report.

In regard to the portions containing the tabulated statements, we recommend their adoption, and we think the Grand Secretary is to be complimented on the clear and concise manner in which they are drawn up.

Fraternally submitted,

SIBREE CLARKE,
JAMES STARK,
GEO. W. ROWLAND,
F. B. NELSON,
T. A. MUIR.

A communication was read from Bro. R. S. Cunningham, P. G., a member of Mission City Lodge, No. 32, asking the Grand Lodge to take his case into consideration and enable him to regain membership in some Subordinate Lodge of this Jurisdiction, which was on motion referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

The Grand Secretary gave notice of amendments he would propose to the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge to-morrow.

It was moved, seconded and carried,—That the Grand Warden be instructed to confer the Grand Lodge Degree on the following Past Grands in waiting in the Ante Room: W. H. Kelly, No. 3, W. M. Bird and J. J. Carment, No. 9.

The hour prescribed by the Constitution of the Grand Lodge for the nomination and election of Grand Lodge Officers having arrived the Grand Master appointed Rep. Meldram, P. G. M., No. 2, and Rep. R. Roberts, P. G. M., No. 1, to act as tellers.

W. H. Morton, No. 5, was nominated for the office of Grand Master by Rep. T. F. Neelands, No. 8.

A. Henderson, No. 2, was nominated for the office of Deputy Grand Master, by D. Welsh, Grand Representative, No. 13.

E. C. Davison, No. 9, was nominated for the office of Grand Warden, by J. R. Webster, No. 10.

Fred'k Davey, No. 1, was nominated for the office of Grand Secretary, by T. C. Gray, P. G. M., No. 10.

S. W. Edwards, No. 14, was nominated for the office of Grand Treasurer, by Rep. G. W. Shay, No. 24.

For Grand Representative,—T. F. Neelands, No. 8, was nominated by Rep. G. W. Rowland, No. 26.

J. E. Phillips, P. G. M., No. 3, was nominated by Rep. W. B. Skinner, No. 21.

W. H. Morton, No. 5, being the only nominee for the office of Grand Master, was declared duly elected, the

Grand Secretary on motion, casting the ballot for his election.

A. Henderson, No. 2, being the only nominee for the office of Deputy Grand Master, was declared duly elected, the Grand Secretary, on motion, casting the vote for his election.

E. C. Davison, No. 9, being the only nominee for the office of Grand Warden, was declared duly elected, the Grand Secretary, casting the ballot for his election.

Fred'k Davey, No. 1, being the only nominee for the office of Grand Secretary, was declared duly elected, Rep. J. H. Meldram, P. G. M., No. 2, casting the ballot for his election.

S. W. Edwards, No. 14, being the only nominee for the office of Grand Treasurer, was declared duly elected, the ballot for his election being cast by the Grand Secretary.

The ballot was spread for the election of Grand Representative and the following result announced:

Number of votes cast, 68. Number necessary to elect, 35. T. F. Neelands, No. 8, received 54 votes, J. E. Phillips, P. G. M., No. 3, received 14 votes.

T. F. Neelands, No. 8, having received a majority of all votes cast, was declared duly elected Grand Representative for two years.

W. E. Johnstone, Grand Marshal, gave the following notice:

I hereby give notice that to-morrow I will move to amend the By-laws of this Grand Lodge to increase the mileage of Officers and Representatives to Five cents per

mile each way, said By-law not to take effect until the close of the present Session.

W. E. JOHNSTONE.

The Grand Warden conferred the Past Noble Grand's Degree on all present.

It was moved, seconded and carried,—That this Grand Lodge do now adjourn to 10 o'clock a. m. to-morrow.

The Grand Lodge adjourned accordingly.

SECOND DAY.

10th June, 1897.

The Grand Lodge met at 10.30 a. m., the Grand Lodge Officers and a quorum of Representatives being present, and after the usual preliminaries the Grand Lodge was declared open for business.

The Roll of Officers and Representatives was called.

The minutes of yesterday's Session were read and adopted.

The Committee on Judiciary presented the following Report which was adopted:

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Judiciary to whom was referred the questions submitted by Rep. G. R. Gordon, beg to report the following answers thereto.

Ques.—1st. Was it legal to charge expenses incurred for Brother's removal to city ?

Ans.—No.

Ques.—2nd. Was it legal to charge amount paid for watcher or guard against his benefits ?

Ans.—No.

Ques.—3rd. And if not, must amount be taken from nurse fund ?

Ans.—Yes.

G. L. CENTER,
V. HICKS.
W. H. BONUS,
J. H. MELDRAM,
H. J. RAYMER.

The Committee on State of the Order submitted the following Report which was adopted:

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on the State of the Order to whom was referred the communication from Bro. R. S. Cunningham, P. G., beg to report as follows:

While expressing our sincere sympathy with the Brother in his unfortunate position we cannot see any other way in which he may unite with a Subordinate Lodge according to our existing Laws than by making application to join as an Ancient Odd Fellow. Unfortunately the Brother not having retained membership for at least ten years previous to the surrender of the Lodge's charter cannot come in under the head of a non-beneficial Odd Fellow, according to Article II. Sec. 4, of the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges.

In our opinion some legislation dealing with such cases should be brought in by this Grand Body in harmony with Section 614, of White's Digest.

In regard to his standing in the B. C. Insurance Association we are advised that it is not in any way affected by his loss of membership in the Subordinate Lodge.

SIBREE CLARKE,
JAMES STARK,
T. A. MUIR,
GEO. W. ROWLAND,
O. B. NELSON.

Moved by W. E. Johnstone, Grand Marshal, seconded by A. Wilson, Grand Conductor and carried,—That a special committee be appointed to take into consideration the legislation passed by the Sovereign Grand Lodge at its last Session (page 1494², Journal of Proceedings) and report to this Grand Lodge at the 1898 Session, and that the Grand Secretary be instructed to dispose of the assets of Lodges who have or who may surrender their charters, and that the executive of this Grand Lodge be authorized to use the proceeds for the relief of deserving aged Odd Fellows.

The Chair appointed the following to form the Special Committee in accordance with the foregoing Resolution: Rep. T. F. Neelands, No. 8, Rep. Hogg, No. 10, Rep. Stark, No. 26, D. Welsh, Grand Representative, No. 13, Rep. T. A. Muir, No. 3.

Moved by J. E. Phillips, P. G. M., No. 3, seconded by D. Welsh, Grand Representative, No. 13, and carried,—That a Committee be appointed to report to this Session of the Grand Lodge what action, if any, should be taken with regard to the cases of Bros. R. S. Cunningham, P. G., and Dyas, late members of "Mission City" Lodge, No. 32.

The following were appointed to form the Committee: J. E. Phillips, P. G. M., No. 3, D. Welsh, Grand Representative, No. 13, W. E. Johnstone, No. 8, A. Parker, No. 10, and S. W. Edwards, No. 14.

The Committee on Appeals presented the following Report which was adopted:

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F.

Your Committee on Appeals to whom was referred the appeal of Bro. J. A. Johnson against the action of Amity Lodge, No. 27, re charge against Bro. Norman Matheson. beg leave to report as follows:

1st. We cannot see anything irregular in the report of Trial Committee also in action of the Lodge in rejecting said report.

2nd. The Lodge was not bound to adopt the report of Trial Committee but could vary the penalty or reject it altogether.

3rd. That the vote taken on the resolution for expulsion was quite in order and the only proper way to decide such resolutions.

According to the evidence submitted it is clearly shown that Bro. Matheson has been engaged in the business of bar-tender on and off since 1892, which was prior to the passing of Section 5, Article XVI. of the Sovereign Grand Lodge Constitution, and as there is no evidence to prove that he has been engaged in any other business during that time we are of the opinion that Bro. Matheson does not become amenable to that law.

We therefore recommend that the appeal be dismissed.

T. F. NEELANDS,
A. PARKER,
WM. HOGG,
W. J. HANNA,
W. H. HUXTABLE.

The Committee on Appeals presented the following Report.

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Appeals to whom was referred the appeal of Bro. Robert Ray of Acme Lodge, No. 14, I. O. O. F., against the action of said Lodge in expelling him from the Order, beg leave to report as follows:

We consider the Lodge did wrong in expelling Bro. Ray, for the following reasons:

1st. According to the laws and usages of the Order the Lodge should not have installed the new Treasurer until the Audit Committee had examined the books and reported them correct.

2nd. The Lodge had according to the report of the Trial Committee made a settlement with Bro. Ray, and by so doing left no grounds for charge.

3rd. The Report of the Trial Committee was not complete inasmuch as it did not contain a resolution or resolutions for adoption by the Lodge, and should have been referred back to them for amendment.

4th. The motion made to adopt the report of the Trial Committee was out of order, as the Lodge should have waited for a report from the

Committee as amended and then voted on same and either adopted or rejected it.

5th. According to the copy of the minutes of the Lodge for October 19th, 1898, your Committee understand that the vote was taken either by ball or paper ballot, if so, we consider it entirely wrong and out of order, as all motions of this kind should be decided by open vote and the yeas and nays recorded.

6th. Bro. Ray claims that the Noble Grand voted on the motion for expulsion, but as your Committee are not quite clear as to how the vote was taken we are not able to decide whether the Noble Grand was right in his action, but if the vote was taken by the usual show of hands or the yeas and nays taken, the Noble Grand was out of order and the motion lost as it did not obtain the two-thirds majority as required by law.

After taking everything into consideration we are of the opinion that Acme Lodge, No. 14, did wrong in expelling Bro. Ray.

We therefore recommend that the appeal of Bro. Ray be sustained, and that Acme Lodge be ordered to reinstate Bro. Ray forthwith.

A. PARKER,
WM. HOGG,
W. H. HUXTABLE.

I am of the opinion that a vote by ball or paper ballot, would be legal, and in order. With the balance of the report I agree.

T. F. NEELANDS.

It was moved and seconded,—That the report be adopted.

Moved and seconded as an amendment,—That all the words in the last Paragraph from the word "sustained" be struck out and the following words inserted in lieu—"dismissed and the action of the Lodge be sustained."

Moved and seconded as an amendment to the amendment,— "That the matter be referred back to "Acme" Lodge, No. 14, for a new trial."

The amendment to the amendment was declared carried. Forty-one voting in the affirmative and 9 against.

The Committee on Judiciary submitted the following Report which was adopted.

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Judiciary to whom was referred a resolution from Harmony Lodge, No. 6, and Banner Lodge, No. 31, addressed to the Grand Master, beg to report as follows:

That our Representatives to the Sovereign Grand Lodge be instructed to use their influence to reduce the price of the Official Certificate forms. We would also advise the above Lodges to procure the new Rituals as we consider that the use of the old ones is illegal.

J. H. MELDRAM.

G. L. CENTER,

V. HICKS,

H. J. RAYMER,

W. H. BONUS,

Moved by G. L. Center, seconded by G. R. Gordon,—That a Committee be appointed from this Grand Lodge to enquire into the amount of benefits paid by Lodges in this Jurisdiction with special reference to monthly dues with a view of formulating a uniform system based upon sound financial principles and to report to the next Session of this Grand Lodge.—Carried.

The Chair appointed the following Special Committee on the foregoing Resolution:

G. L. Center, No. 26, G. R. Gordon, No. 26, A. Dunlop, No. 30, G. W. Rowland, No. 26, and A. H. Ferguson, No. 3.

A motion to adjourn to 2 o'clock this afternoon was negatived on being put to the vote.

* The consideration of the proposed amendments to the By-laws of the Grand Lodge was then proceeded with.

* The By-laws adopted form an appendix to these Proceedings.

GRAND SECRETARY.

The amendment offered by Rep. Huxtable, No. 1, striking out the payment of Mileage and Per Diem to the appointed officers of the Grand Lodge was lost on being submitted to the vote.

The amendment offered by W. E. Johnstone, No. 8, to increase the Mileage to Five cents per mile each way not to take effect until the close of the present Session was adopted.

The following additional By-laws, notice of which was given by the Grand Secretary yesterday were adopted.

Re granting Dispensations for new Lodges.

Re ordering of and payment for Supplies.

Re Seal for Subordinate Lodges.

Re Bonds of Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer.

Re Deposit and withdrawal of monies from Bank by Grand Treasurer.

Re Printing and Distribution of Proceedings of Grand Lodge.

Re Mergement of two Lodges.

Re Consolidation of two Lodges.

Re Reports to be rendered and Per Capita Tax paid or Lodges not entitled to representation.

Re Grand Secretary informing Subordinates of expulsions, rejections and suspensions.

Rep. O. B. Nelson, No. 37, gave the following notice to amend By-Law No. 1, which was laid over until tomorrow under the rule. After the word "route," in the 6th line insert the following: except where transportation

cannot be obtained at that rate, when actual transportation expenses by the most practical and cheapest route shall be allowed, provided this shall have reference to fare only, lodging and board not to be included.

It was moved, seconded and carried,—That the Grand Lodge do now adjourn until eight o'clock this evening.

The Grand Lodge adjourned accordingly.

EVENING SESSION.

The Grand Lodge re-assembled at 8.30 p. m., all the Grand Lodge officers and a quorum of Representatives being present.

The Grand Marshal examined those present and reported all qualified, whereupon the Grand Lodge was declared open for business.

The Roll of Officers and Representatives was called.

The Committee on Judiciary submitted the following Report which was adopted.

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F :

Your Committee on Judiciary have carefully examined the portions of the Grand Masters report referred to them, and beg to report as follows: We recommend that the decisions of the Grand Master and those of his Deputies be approved with the following exception: we find that Sister Ida M. Pearce, D. D. G. M., of Rebekah District, No. 5, gave a dispensation to Fidelity Rebekah Lodge, No. 10, Ladners, to hold a public

gathering which we consider illegal, that power being vested in the Grand Master only.

G. L. CENTER,
V. HICKS,
H. J. RAYMER,
W. H. BONUS.
JOHN H. MELDRAM.

Moved by W. E. Johnstone, No. 8, seconded by S. W. Edwards, No. 14,—That the Grand Representatives of this Grand Lodge be instructed to support any legislation that may be brought forward in the Sovereign Grand Lodge to allow Subordinate Lodges to substitute badges for the regalia now in use.—Carried.

The Grand Secretary presented and read the Report of the Secretary-Treasurer of the Odd Fellows Insurance Association of British Columbia for the past year, and it was on motion resolved that the report be received and printed with the proceedings of this Session.

VICTORIA, B. C., 1st June, 1897.

To the Officers and Members of the Odd Fellows Insurance Association of British Columbia:

DEAR SIRS AND BROTHERS:—I beg to submit, for your consideration, a report of the proceedings of this Association for the year just ended.

MEMBERSHIP.

No. of members as per last report.....	181
No. of members admitted during the year.....	18
	199
No. of members suspended during the year.....	15
No. of policies in force	184

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

ENDOWMENT FUND.

Receipts.

Balance from last report.....	\$ 346 91
Received for Assessments.....	2127 03
" " Interest.....	14 18
Balance	311 18
	\$2800 00

Payments.

Insurance on death of Bro. R. Andrews.....	\$1,000 00
" " Bro. G. Doughty.....	1,000 00
" " Bro. A. Laing.....	800 00
(part payment)	
	\$2,800 00

MANAGEMENT FUND.

Receipts.

Balance from last report.....	\$369 27
Received for dues.....	279 00
" " Entrance Fees	7 50
	\$655 77

Payments.

Secretary-Treasurer's Salary.....	\$100 00
Agents, Commission.....	87 23
Medical Referee's Fees.....	11 50
Printing.....	36 25
Bond of Secretary-Treasurer.....	10 00
B. C. Odd Fellow, Advertising	37 50
Postage and Sundries.....	17 00
	\$299 48

Balance.....\$356 29

SUMMARY.

Balance to credit of Management Fund.....	\$356 29
" " Debit of Endowment Fund.....	311 18
Net cash balance.....	
	\$45 11

Deposited in Dominion Gov't Savings Bank..	\$ 8 46
" " Bank of British Columbia.	6 26
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Fraternally submitted,

FRED'K DAVEY,

Secretary-Treasurer.

Examined and found correct,
 S. W. EDWARDS,
 W. J. HANNA,
Auditing Committee.

The consideration of the report of the Committee on revision of Constitutions was resumed.

* The Rules of Order as submitted by the Committee were considered seriatim and adopted.

* The Constitution of Subordinate Lodges reported by the Committee on Revision was considered seriatim with the following result :

The preamble and Art. I. were adopted.

Sec. 1. of Art. II. was amended by adding to the qualification for membership "and is not a saloon keeper, a bartender or a professional gambler," and by adding at the end of the section the words "or permission be first obtained from the officers of the Jurisdiction in which the candidate resides."

Sec's 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, of Art. II. were adopted.

Sec's 1 and 2 of Art. III, were adopted.

The proposed amendment to Sec. 3. of Art. III. to elect applicants for membership on a live Withdrawal Card by a majority vote was struck out, and the Section as amended adopted.

Sec's 4, 5 and 6 of Art. III. were adopted.

Sec's 1, 2 and 3 of Art. IV. were adopted.

Sec. 4. of Art. IV. was amended by striking out the words "three months" and inserting in lieu the words "thirteen weeks."

* The Rules of Order and Constitution of Subordinate Lodges as adopted form appendices to these proceedings.

GRAND SECRETARY.

Sec's 5, 6, 7 and 8, of Art. IV. were adopted.

Rep. G. R. Gordon, No. 26, was excused from further attendance.

It was moved, seconded and carried,—That the Grand Lodge do now adjourn to 9 a. m. tomorrow.

The Grand Lodge adjourned accordingly.

THIRD DAY.

11th June, 1897.

The Grand Lodge re-assembled at 9.15 a. m., the Grand Lodge Officers and a quorum of Representatives being present. All present were examined and reported duly qualified, and the Grand Lodge was declared open for business.

The Roll of Officers and Representatives was called.

The minutes of preceding day's session were read and adopted.

Rep. Stark, No. 26, submitted the following question which was on motion referred to the Committee on Judiciary:

Can a Subordinate Lodge by resolution discontinue the practice of the Warden addressing the Chair in retiring to and entering from the Ante Room in the discharge of his duties?

It was on motion *Resolved*,—That the Installation of Grand Lodge Officers take place this evening at 7.30 o'clock, and in the Third Degree.

It was moved, seconded and carried,—That the offer of D. Welsh, Grand Representative, to exemplify the Secret Work this evening be accepted.

The amendment offered by Rep. O. B. Nelson, No. 37, to By-law No. 1, of the Grand Lodge, notice of which was given yesterday, was seconded and adopted.

The consideration of the Report of the Special Committee on revision of the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges was resumed.

It was moved, seconded and carried,—That the action of the Grand Lodge yesterday in adopting Sec. 5 of Article IV., be reconsidered.

It was moved and seconded,—That the Section be amended by inserting the words “where no expenses are incurred, no appropriation shall be made.” The motion was negatived on being submitted to a vote.

Section 1 and 2 of Article V. were adopted.

Article VI. was adopted.

Clause 1, Section 1, Article VII., was amended by striking out the word “shall” in fifth line and inserting the word “may” in lieu thereof.

Clause 2, Section 1, Article VII., was amended by inserting the words “the vote being taken by ball or paper ballot” after the word “present” in the fourth line.

Clauses 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7, were adopted.

Clause 8 was amended by adding thereto the following: “All applications for Withdrawal Cards or Dismissal Certificates must be made in writing over the signature of the Brother applying for the same.”

Sections 2, 3 and 4, of Article VII., were adopted.

Rule 3, of Section 1, Code of Procedure, was amended by inserting the words "ball or paper" after the word "by" in second line, and Rule 8, of Section 1, was amended by inserting the words, "the vote to be taken by ball or paper ballot" after the word "resolution" in the tenth line.

The remainder of the Code of Procedure was adopted.

Sections 6 and 7 of Article VII., were adopted.

Article VIII., was adopted.

Section 1, of Article IX., was amended by striking out the word "nor" in fifth line and inserting the words "No member of this Lodge shall" in place thereof.

Section 2, of Article IX., was adopted.

Articles X., XI., XII. and XIII were adopted.

It was on motion *Resolved*—That the Cipher and Key adopted by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, Session 1895, be printed at the end of the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges.

A motion to reconsider Clause 2, Section 2, Article IV. was defeated.

The Constitution of Rebekah Assembly submitted by the Committee was on motion adopted as a whole.

* The amended Constitution for Rebekah Lodges, submitted by the Committee was considered seriatem.

Art. I., II. and III. were adopted.

Clause 4, Art. IV., was amended by the substitution of the word "may" for the word "shall."

* The Constitution of Rebekah Lodges forms an appendix to these Proceedings.

GRAND SECRETARY.

The remainder of the Constitution was adopted.

The Committee on Judiciary submitted the following report which was adopted.

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Judiciary to whom was referred the following question from Rep. Bro. Stark, No. 26, beg to report as follows:

Ques.—Can a Subordinate Lodge by resolution discontinue the practice of the Warden addressing the chair in retiring to and entering from the Ante Room in the discharge of his duties?

Ans.—No officer or member can enter or retire from the Lodge room when the Lodge is open without the proper sign or signs. In the initiatory degree this does not apply to the outside Conductor when he brings in the candidate to be initiated, nor to the Warden when he conducts the candidate to the ante room by order of the N. G., nor does it apply to the officers who are allowed by the Degree Ritual to enter or retire without addressing the chairs.

G. L. CENTER,
V. HICKS,
J. H. MELDRAM,
W. H. BONUS,
H. J. RAYMER.

J. E. Phillips, P. G. M., No. 3, and Rep. A. H. Ferguson, No. 3, submitted the following question which was referred to the Committee on Judiciary:

Is a member who is in arrears, but not suspended for non-payment of Dues, entitled to attentive benefits? And if so, of what do these attentive benefits consist?

The Special Committee on the cases of Bros. Cunningham, P. G. and Dyas, submitted the following report which was adopted.

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F.:

Your Special Committee to whom was referred the case of Bros. Cunningham and Dyas, members of Mission City Lodge, No. 32, now defunct, beg to report that we cannot find that the Sovereign Grand Lodge has provided any legislation applicable to these cases.

We cannot recommend this Grand Lodge to take any action in the premises, in consequence of the want of legal power, although we think that these members should be secured for nominal benefits in some way by the Grand Lodge.

We would strongly recommend that our Representatives to the Sovereign Grand Lodge be requested to introduce legislation into that body, which will fill the requirements of such cases, say by allowing members of defunct Lodges holding Grand Lodge Cards, the privilege of paying dues and to receive benefits from the Grand Lodge, as in the case of Subordinate Lodges, these brothers to be termed Odd Fellows at large.

J. E. PHILLIPS,
D. WELSH,
A. PARKER,
S. W. EDWARDS.

Moved by W. E. Johnstone, Grand Marshal, No. 8, seconded by Rep. H. J. Raymer, P. G. M., No. 36, and carried,—That the Grand Secretary be instructed to forward to each Subordinate Lodge in this Jurisdiction, a circular letter giving a synopsis of the report of the Special Committee on Statistics, calling special attention to the cost per member for Benefits and for Lodge expenses and urging each Lodge to as far as possible, curtail the cost of management, and to take into consideration the ratio of dues and benefits and see that their Lodge is on a sound financial basis.

Moved by Rep. Raymer, P. G. M., No. 36, seconded by Rep. Meldram, P. G. M., No. 2, and carried,—That our Grand Representatives be and are hereby instructed to vote in the Sovereign Grand Lodge against the proposed amendment of Article IX., Section 3, Sovereign Grand Lodge Constitution, which proposed Amendment, if carried, changes the qualifications of Grand Representatives.

Rep. G. W. Rowland, No. 26, submitted the following question which was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Can a Lodge use money from its funds to defray expenses of Anniversaries, At Homes or Banquets?

It was moved, seconded and carried,—That our Grand Representatives be instructed to vote for the proposed Amendment to the Constitution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge permitting persons to be admitted into the Order at Eighteen years of age.

It was on motion *Resolved*,—That our Grand Representatives be instructed to support the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge to hold its Sessions bi-ennially.

Moved, seconded and carried,—That our Grand Representatives be instructed to vote against the establishment of a Juvenile Degree in connection with the Order.

The Committee on Mileage and Per Diem presented the following Report which was adopted :

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Mileage and Per Diem beg to report that we have examined the Certificates presented by the Officers and Representatives in attendance at this Session, and find them entitled to the amounts stated against their respective names:

NAMES.	No. of Lodge.	Location.	No. of Days.	Per Diem.	Miles Travelled	Mileage.	Total.
<i>Officers.</i>							
H. B. Gilmour, G. M. . .	10	Vancouver . . .	3	\$6 00	251	12 55	\$18 55
W. H. Morton, D. G. M. .	5	Nanaimo.	3	6 00	287	14 35	20 35
A. Henderson, G. W. . . .	2	Victoria.	3	6 00	335	16 75	22 75
Fred'k Davey, G. S. . . .	1	do	3	6 00	335	16 75	22 75
J. R. Webster, G. T.	2	Vancouver. . . .	3	6 00	251	12 55	18 55
J. E. Phillips, G. Rep. . .	4	Victoria	3	6 00	335	16 75	22 75
D. Welsh, G. Rep.	13	New West'r. . . .	3	6 00	242	12 10	18 10
S. W. Edwards, G. Chap . .	14	Victoria.	3	6 00	335	16 75	22 75
W. E. Johnstone, G. Mar. .	8	Vancouver. . . .	3	6 00	251	12 55	18 55
A. Wilson, G. Con.	20	Nanaimo.	3	6 00	287	14 35	20 35
<i>Representatives.</i>							
W. H. Huxtable	1	Victoria.	3	6 00	335	16 75	22 75
R. Roberts.	1	do	3	6 00	335	16 75	22 75
R. L. Allen	2	do	3	6 00	335	16 75	22 75
J. H. Meldram, P. G. M. .	2	do	3	6 00	335	16 75	22 75
T. A. Muir.	3	New West'r. . . .	3	6 00	242	12 10	18 10
J. H. Hughes	3	do	3	6 00	242	12 10	18 10
W. Walker.	4	Victoria.	3	6 00	335	16 75	22 75
G. E. Norris	5	Nanaimo.	3	6 00	287	14 35	20 35
D. G. Dailey.	5	do	3	6 00	287	14 35	20 35
A. H. Gillanders	7	Chilliwack. . . .	3	6 00	196	9 80	15 80
T. F. Neelands	8	Vancouver	3	6 00	251	12 55	18 55
J. A. McKay.	8	do	3	6 00	251	12 55	18 55
E. C. Davison.	9	Kamloops.	3	6 00	...	...	6 00
W. Hogg.	10	Vancouver	3	6 00	251	12 55	18 55
A. Parker.	10	do	3	6 00	251	12 55	18 55
D. O'Dwyer.	10	do	3	6 00	251	12 55	18 55
W. H. Bonus	12	Donald.	3	6 00	207	10 35	16 35
J. Campbell	13	New West'r. . . .	3	6 00	242	12 10	18 10
W. H. Handley	14	Victoria.	3	6 00	335	16 75	22 75
T. R. Patterson.	15	Cloverdale.	3	5 00	256	12 80	18 80
J. C. McLay	17	Duncan	3	6 00	320	16 00	22 00
F. B. Jacques.	18	Vernon	3	6 00	130	6 50	12 50
V. Hicks.	19	Mt Pleasant. . . .	3	6 00	251	12 55	18 55
J. Newton	20	Nanaimo.	3	6 00	287	14 35	20 35
F. S. Whiteside	20	do	3	6 00	287	14 35	20 35
W. B. Skinner	21	Ladners.	3	6 00	256	12 80	18 80
P. Wade	22	North Bend. . . .	3	6 00	122	6 10	12 10

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The Committee on Finance, submitted the following Report:

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F.;

Your Finance Committee beg to Report that we have examined the books, vouchers, etc., of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer and find them correct and well kept.

The following is an estimate of the Revenue and Expenditure for the coming year.

REVENUE.

Cash balance in Grand Treasurer's hands June 5th, 1897.....	\$1999 66
Per Capita Tax, 2830 at 90 cents per member, 45 cents on 30th June, and 45 cents on 31st December	2547 00
	\$4546 66

EXPENDITURE.

Grand Secretary's Salary.....	\$ 600 00
Grand Master's expenses.....	100 00
Sovereign Grand Lodge Representative Tax.....	150 00
Rent of Grand Secretary's office	100 00
Printing	300 00
Premium on Bonds.....	25 00
Postage Grand Secretary.....	30 00
Postage Grand Master.....	15 00
Caretaker, Grand Secretary's office.....	20 00
Card in B. C. Odd Fellow	10 00
Extra expenses Grand Master, past term.....	24 50
Typewriting Grand Master's address.....	8 00
Janitor and light, present Session.....	7 50
Mileage and Per Diem this Session.....	1052 45
Account of B. C. Odd Fellow against Perseverance Lodge, No. 29	3 00
	\$2443 45
Balance	\$2103 21

In consideration of the extra expense incurred by Officers and Representatives of this Grand Lodge in attending this Session, we would respectfully recommend that a donation of $2\frac{1}{2}$ cents per mile be made to all Officers and Representatives in attendance which would still leave a balance in the Grand Treasurer's hands of over \$560.00.

S. W. EDWARDS,
F. S. WHITESIDE,
W. R. MACKINTOSH,
CHAS. A. WARREN,
A. H. FERGUSON.

It was moved and seconded,—That the Report be received and adopted.

Moved and seconded as an amendment,—That that portion of the Report referring to a donation to the Officers and Representatives in attendance at this Session be struck out.

The amendment on being submitted to the vote was declared lost and the original motion carried.

The Committee on Finance submitted the following Report which was adopted:

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Finance to whom was referred certain portions of the Report of the Grand Secretary, beg to report as follows:

We recommend that the Bill of the B. C. Odd Fellow, of \$3.00 against "Perseverance" Lodge, No. 29, now defunct, be paid from the sum received from the sale of furniture of Mission City Lodge, No. 32, also defunct.

We also recommend that new Digests be not supplied to D.D.G.M's., as they have the privilege of consulting the Digest in any Lodge in their District.

We also recommend that Five cents per member per year be deducted from amount realized from Per Capita tax and placed to the credit of the Odd Fellow's Home Fund.

The action of "Vancouver" Lodge, No. 8, in generously donating \$5.50 to the "Home" Fund is worthy of commendation and is an example that we hope will be followed by other Lodges.

The Financial Statement at pages 6 to 11 we find correct and corresponds with the books.

S. W. EDWARDS,
W. R. MACKINTOSH,
F. S. WHITESIDE,
CHAS. A. WARREN,
A. H. FERGUSON.

It was on motion *Resolved*,—That this Grand Lodge do now adjourn to 2 o'clock this afternoon.

The Grand Lodge adjourned accordingly.



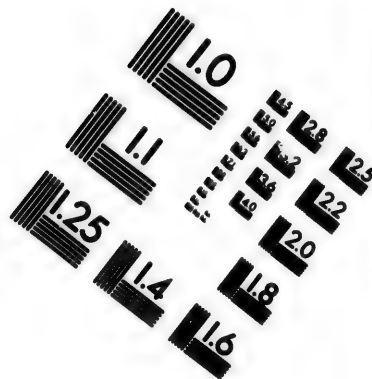
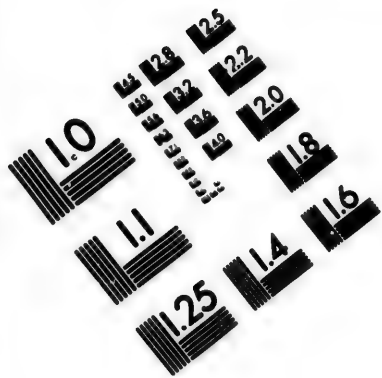
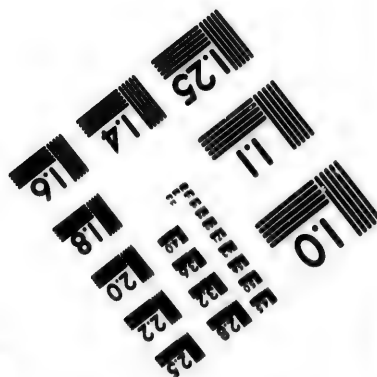
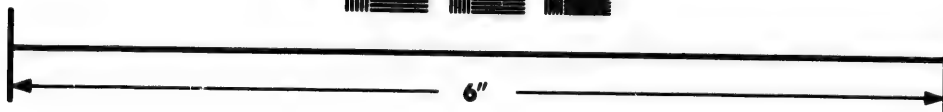
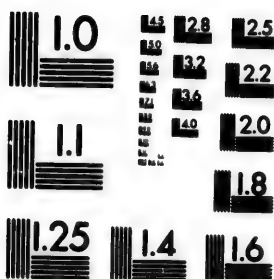


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AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Grand Lodge re-assembled at 2.30 p. m., the Grand Officers and a quorum of Representatives being present. The members present were examined, reported qualified, and the Grand Lodge was declared open for business.

The Roll of Officers and Representatives was called.

A communication was read from the Odd Fellow's Relief Association of Canada asking for a certificate to enable it to do business in this Jurisdiction.

It was moved and seconded,—That the communication be received and filed.

It was moved and seconded as an amendment,—That the communication be received and the request granted.

It was moved and seconded as an amendment to the amendment.—That the communication be received, and laid on the table for one year.

The amendment to the amendment was declared carried on being submitted to a vote.

The Committee on Judiciary submitted the following Report:

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F :

Your Committee on Judiciary to whom was referred the question submitted by J. E. Phillips, P. G. M., No. 3, and Rep. A. H. Ferguson, viz: Is a member who is in arrears but not suspended for non-payment of dues entitled to attentive benefits, and if so of what do these attentive benefits consist ?

Beg leave to report:—The Brother is entitled to attentive benefits, which benefits consist of attention by visitation by the members of the

Visiting Committee of his Lodge and any special pecuniary relief as may be provided by the By-laws of the Lodge.

G. L. CENTER,
V. HICKS.
W. H. BONUS,
J. H. MELDRAM,
H. J. RAYMER.

Moved and seconded,—That the report be received and adopted.

Moved and seconded as an amendment,—That the Report be referred back to the Committee for amendment.

On the vote being taken the amendment was declared lost and the original motion carried.

It was on motion *Resolved*,—That the action of the Grand Lodge by which the Report of the Committee on Finance dealing with the remuneration to be paid for attendance at this Session was adopted this morning be reconsidered.

It was moved and seconded,—That the report be amended by striking out the word "Donation" and inserting the words "Additional allowance" in lieu thereof.

The Grand Master ruled the motion out of order, being contrary to the By-laws of the Grand Lodge.

It was moved and seconded,—That the Report of the Committee on Finance be adopted.

Moved and seconded as an amendment,—That that portion of the report referring to a donation to the Officers and Representatives attending this Session be struck out and the Report adopted as amended.

The vote was taken on the amendment and it was declared carried, 21 votes being cast for and 14 against it.

The Ayes and Nays were called for on this question, by the requisite number of Representatives.

It was on motion *Resolved*,—That the Grand Master be authorized to excuse any Officer or Representative who does not wish to vote on this question.

The Ayes and Nays were then taken as follows:

Ayes:—Gilmour, Henderson, Davey, Webster, Johnstone, Norris, Muir, Hughes, Walker, Dailey, Gillanders, Neelands, McKay, Hogg, Bonus, Patterson, Jacques, Skinner, Shaw, Center, Kilpatrick, Warren, Raymer.—23.

Nays.—Phillips, No. 4, Welsh, Meldram, Parker, O'Dwyer, Campbell, Handley, McLay, Hicks, Rowland, Lewis.—11.

The Committee on Judiciary submitted the following Report which was adopted:

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Judiciary to whom the following question from Rep. Rowlands was referred, beg to report as follows:

Question.—Can a Lodge use money from its funds in defraying expenses for anniversaries, at homes, or banquets?

Answer.—A Lodge can use its funds for procuring music or speakers for the celebration of the anniversary of Odd Fellowship in America, but for no other purpose except the Lodge has a provision in its By-Laws for a contingent fund which may be used for any legitimate objects of the Order by resolution of the Lodge.

G. L. CENTER,
V. HICKS,
W. H. BONUS,
H. J. RAYMER,
J. H. MELDRAM.

The following resolution was offered and adopted:—
That a refund of Eighteen Dollars be made to "Carson" Lodge, No. 37, on account of Per Capita Tax.

It was moved and seconded—That the next Annual Session of this Grand Lodge be held at New Westminster.

It was moved and seconded as an amendment,—That the words "New Westminster" be struck out and the word "Rossland" inserted.

Moved and seconded as an amendment to the amendment,—That "New Westminster" be struck out and "Wellington" inserted.

A majority of votes appearing for "New Westminster" it was declared selected as the place of meeting of the next Annual Session.

Resolved,—That the Grand Lodge do now adjourn to seven o'clock this evening.

The Grand Lodge adjourned accordingly.

EVENING SESSION.

The Grand Lodge re-assembled at 7.30 P. M. : The Grand Lodge Officers and a quorum of Representatives being present.

After the examination of all present the Grand Lodge was declared open for business.

It was on motion *Resolved*,—That the calling of the Roll be dispensed with.

The minutes of this morning's Session were read and adopted.

It was moved, seconded and carried,—That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due and are hereby ent-

dered to "Tatnai" Lodge, No. 9, for the use of the Hall, etc., for this Session of the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge was closed in the Grand Lodge Degree and opened in the Third Degree.

The Third Degree Members in waiting having been admitted the Installation of the Officers for the ensuing year was proceeded with, the Grand Master appointing R. Roberts, P. G. M., and J. H. Meldram, P. G. M., to present the Officers elect.

W. H. Morton, No. 5, was presented, obligated and duly installed as Grand Master for the ensuing year.

The Grand Master then installed the following Officers elect.

A. Henderson,	No. 2, as	Deputy Grand Master.
E. C. Davison,	" 9, as	Grand Warden.
Fred'k Davey,	" 1, as	Grand Secretary.
S. W. Edwards,	" 14, as	Grand Treasurer.

The Grand Master made the following appointments who were duly installed in their respective Chairs, with the exception of Bro. D. D. Griffiths who was not present.

A. H. Gillanders,	No. 7	Grand Chaplain.
A. Wilson,	" 20	Marshal.
W. Hogg,	" 10	Guardian.
D. D. Griffiths,	" 31	Conductor.
W. B. Skinner,	" 21	Herald.

The Grand Master then appointed the following as his District Deputies for the ensuing year :

W. Walker, No. 4, District No. 1, for Lodges Nos. 1, 2, 4, 14 and 33.
 H. Gilley, No. 18, District No. 2, for Lodges Nos. 3, 18 and 27.
 A. Dunlop, No. 30, District No. 3, for Lodges Nos. 5, 20, 30 and 35.
 D. J. McInnes, No. 6, District No. 4, for Lodges Nos. 6 and 29.
 George Marshall, No. 7, District No. 5, for Lodge No. 7.

W. E. Johnstone, No. 8, District No. 6, for Lodges Nos. 8, 10, 19 and 26.

G. Loney, No. 9, District No. 7, for Lodge No. 9.

J. A. Pritchard, No. 11, District No. 8, for Lodge No. 11.

J. Harte, District No. 9, for Lodge No. 12.

T. R. Patterson, No. 15, District No. 10, for Lodge No. 15.

P. B. C. Turner, No. 16, District No. 11, for Lodge No. 16.

J. C. McLay, No. 17, District No. 12, for Lodge No. 17.

S. T. Elliott, No. 18, District No. 13, for Lodge No. 18.

H. Kinsman, No. 21, District No. 14, for Lodge No. 21.

P. Wade, No. 22, District No. 15, for Lodge No. 22.

J. Burr, No. 23, District No. 16, for Lodge No. 23.

G. W. Shay, No. 24, District No. 17, for Lodge No. 24.

B. Vance, No. 28, District No. 18, for Lodge No. 28.

F. Mesley, No. 25, District No. 19, for Lodge No. 25.

G. H. Parsons, No. 34, District No. 20, for Lodge No. 34.

J. Kirkup, No. 36, District No. 21, for Lodge No. 36.

E. Spragget, No. 37, District No. 22, for Lodge No. 37.

J. H. Hallett, No. 38, District No. 23, for Lodge No. 38.

DISTRICT DEPUTIES—REBEKAH LODGES.

Sister Mrs. Riddell, No. 1, District No. 1, for Lodge No. 1.

Sister Mrs. J. W. Armstrong, District No. 2, for Lodges Nos. 2 and 7.

Sister Miss L. F. Norris, District No. 3, for Lodge 3.

Sister Mrs. Cruickshank, District No. 4, for Lodge No. 4.

Sister Mrs. A. J. Holmes, District No. 5, for Lodges Nos. 5, 6 and 10.

Sister Mrs. Skinner, District No. 6, for Lodge No. 9.

Sister Mrs. Morgan, District No. 7, for Lodge No. 10.

Sister Mrs. Ennis, District No. 8, for Lodge No. 11.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

FINANCE.—T. Bamford, No. 4; W. R. Mackintosh, No. 33; W. H. Handley, No. 14; F. S. Whiteside, No. 20; A. H. Ferguson, No. 3.

APPEALS.—H. B. Gilmour, P. G. M., No. 10; J. A. McKay, No. 8; A. McKenzie, No. 26; T. A. Muir, No. 3; J. Z. Choate, No. 22.

LAW OF SUBORDINATES.—J. Crossen, No. 5; G. W. Rowland, No. 28; A. McGregor, No. 3; H. L. Bates, No. 35; T. F. Haggert, No. 6.

PETITIONS.—S. Clarke, No. 9; J. W. Burr, No. 23; H. Baxter, No. 28; J. Jackson, No. 36; John M. Leod, No. 12.

STATE OF THE ORDER.—J. H. Meldram; P. G. M., No. 2; G. L. Center, No. 26; W. H. Gardiner, No. 27; W. J. Hanna, No. 33; R. Rivers, No. 5.

LEGISLATION.—J. E. Phillips, P. G. M., No. 3; G. E. Norris, No. 5; D. D. Griffiths, No. 31; L. Mounce, No. 11; W. H. Bonus, No. 12.

JUDICIARY.—R. Roberts, P. G. M., No. 1; J. Stark, No. 26; D. O'Dwyer, No. 10; J. F. Stainton, No. 21; A. H. Gillanders, No. 7.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.—C. H. Mowatt, No. 10; G. Woobank, No. 35; W. E. Holmes, P. G. M., No. 1; John Newton, No. 20; D. R. McDonald, No. 11.

PRINTING.—Grand Secretary; J. H. Hughes, No. 3; G. Glover, No. 4; W. M. C. Girr, No. 20; F. Cockburn, No. 25.

STATISTICS *re* DUES & BENEFITS.—Grand Secretary; W. E. Johnstone, No. 8; E. Quennell, P. G. M., No. 5.

D. Welsh, Grand Representative, exemplified the Secret Work of the Initiatory and Three Degrees of the Order in a very acceptable manner.

The Third Degree members having retired, the Grand Lodge was closed in the Third Degree and re-opened in the Grand Lodge Degree.

It was moved, seconded and carried,—That the appointments of the Grand Master be confirmed.

It was moved, seconded and carried,—That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to the retiring Grand Lodge officers for the able manner in which they have conducted the business of the Grand Lodge during the past year.

The minutes of this Evening's Session were read and on motion adopted.

It was on motion *Resolved*,—That this Grand Lodge do now adjourn *sine die*.

The Grand Lodge was declared closed accordingly.

FRED'K DAVEY,
Grand Secretary.



Appendix.

REPORTS OF DISTRICT DEPUTIES GRAND MASTERS.

VICTORIA, B. C., May 31st, 1897.

H. B. Gilmour, Esq., Grand Master, I.O.O.F.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—With pleasure I submit to you the report of my term of office as D. D. G. M., for district No. 1, comprising the five Lodges in the City of Victoria, all of which I am pleased to state are progressing favorably. The officers are competent, and well versed in the work, and notwithstanding the hard times and general depression in trade, conditions which seriously affect Lodge growth, our Lodges work harmoniously, keep pushing ahead and are quite hopeful for the future.

At the installations, ten in all, during my term of office, I was very kindly assisted by the Past Grands, the Past Grand Masters, and the resident officers of the Grand Lodge, for which I tender my sincerest thanks.

My duties for the year just passed have been very pleasant indeed. The questions submitted during the term, together with my answers thereon are hereto annexed.

I remain yours,

Very fraternally,

W. J. HANNA,

D.D.G.M., District No. 1.

VICTORIA, August 18th, 1898.

W. J. Hanna, Esq., D. D. G. M., District No. 1, B. C., I. O. O. F.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The undersigned, a member of Acme Lodge, No. 14, I. O. O. F., respectfully appeals to you from the action of the above named Lodge, namely: At a regular meeting of said Lodge held on the 17th inst., it was moved by P. G. Handley, and seconded by Bro. Sinclair, that we do now adjourn, whereupon the Noble Grand refused to put the motion, declaring the same to be out of order. The undersigned then appealed from the decision of the chair and the question, 'shall the chair be sustained' being put resulted in a tie vote. The Noble Grand then gave a casting vote and declared the chair sustained. I therefore appeal from such decision believing a motion to adjourn in order. Rule of order No. 24, of Acme Lodge, reads thus: A

motion to close or adjourn is always in order after the regular business is concluded, which motion shall be decided without debate. The business of the Lodge had been concluded up to Good of the Order.

Please inform me whether rule of order No. 24, is constitutional.

I remain,

Yours fraternally,

S. W. EDWARDS.

VICTORIA, B. C., September 4th, 1896.

S. W. Edwards, Esq.,

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Replying to your appeal of August 18th, re the action of the Noble Grand and certain members of Acme Lodge, No. 14, I. O. O. F., at their meeting held on the 17th inst., must say that the Noble Grand was in error and did violate the rules of order of Acme Lodge if he refused to put a motion to adjourn after the business of the evening had been concluded, as such a motion should be put immediately and without debate. Also when the motion was put, "Shall the chair be sustained," the Noble Grand was in error in voting, as he should have remained silent on a question in which he was immediately interested, allowing the Vice Grand to put the motion, also those members who voted to sustain the chair were in error, as it was a violation of the rules of order of Acme Lodge, they having defined a two-third vote necessary to make any temporary departure. Rule No. 24, of Acme Lodge, although not unconstitutional, yet being worded imprudently, is liable to lead one to err who is unacquainted with parliamentary law.

Yours fraternally,

W. J. HANNA, D. D. G. M.

On November 2nd, 1896, I received from A. Sherret, Past Grand of Acme Lodge, No. 14, a number of questions which I submit with my answers thereto as following:

VICTORIA, B. C., November 9th, 1896.

A. Sherret, Esq.,

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—To your questions of the 2nd inst., allow me to reply as follows:

1st. A Brother having been elected to act on a trial committee and after first meeting of said committee asks the Noble Grand verbally to be allowed to withdraw from acting on the same. Has the Noble Grand power to grant such request without having another Brother appointed to the retiring Brother's place.

Answer.—A Brother wishing to withdraw from a committee after being elected by his Lodge to that position must first tender his resignation to the Lodge and if they accept it they must immediately elect another to fill the vacancy. The Noble Grand has neither power to appoint to, nor release from, in the matter.

2nd. Is it constitutional for the Noble Grand to preside at a regular meeting of the Lodge when the evidence and findings of a trial committee are being read and discussed, the Noble Grand being the accuser?

Answer.—I would prefer seeing the Junior Past Grand preside at such a time.

3rd.—Has the Noble Grand the power to place a motion before the Lodge to expel an accused Brother, the Noble Grand himself being the accuser?

Answer.—Your By-laws state that the Noble Grand shall preside at all meetings, but your charge book allows the right supporter of the Noble Grand to officiate during a temporary absence, so that the Noble Grand if he wishes to vacate the chair for a time when any personal matter is being discussed is at liberty to do so.

4th.—Has the Noble Grand power to ballot and use his casting vote if need be on a motion to expel a Brother for conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow, he himself being the accuser?

Answer.—To elect or expel by ballot, the Noble Grand has the privilege of voting with the other members, but no power to give a casting vote, and the ballot being secret, leaves it impossible for a Brother to say how another Brother voted.

5th.—Has the Noble Grand power to declare from the chair that these only two courses of procedure in trying a Brother for conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow, namely, to dismiss the charge or expel the member?

Answer.—A Noble Grand would mislead by making such a declaration as there might be many modes of punishment.

May 28th, 1897, at the request of Peerless Lodge, No. 33, I granted a dispensation to elect a Third Degree member to the office of Noble Grand.

Faternally,
W. J. HANNA, D. D. G. M.

NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C., June 3rd, 1897.

H. B. Gilmour, Esq., Grand Master G. L. of B. C., I. O. O. F.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER, As your Deputy for District No. 2, I have the honor to submit the following Report:

I am pleased to state that peace and harmony prevail among the Lodges of this District and that I have not been called upon to decide any very knotty questions, nor to adjust any of those little difficulties, which sometimes arise, and although I am not allowed the pleasure of reporting a large increase to the membership, still when we take all things under consideration I think the Lodges here are to be congratulated on the manner in which they have held their own and with the prospects of better times in the near future we think that this District will soon give a good account of itself.

My official acts were confined almost entirely to the pleasant task of installing officers. They were as follows:

July 6th, 1896, installed the officers of Amity Lodge, No. 27.

July 9th, 1896, installed the officers of Royal City Lodge, No. 13.

July 10th, 1896, installed the officers of New Westminster Lodge, No. 8.

January 11th, 1897, installed the officers of Amity Lodge, No. 27.

January 14th, 1897, installed the officers of Royal City Lodge, No. 13.

January 15th, 1897, installed the officers of New Westminster Lodge, No. 8.

New Westminster Lodge, No. 8, submitted the following question to me:

"Is a sick Brother who is in arrears but not suspended for non-payment of dues entitled to have a nurse provided by the Lodge?"

Answered in the affirmative. See Article XLIX., White's Digest, 1889.

To those Brothers who so kindly assisted me at the installations, I extend my sincere thanks, more especially are my thanks due to G. R., Bro. D. Welsh, for the able manner in which he performed the arduous duties of Grand Marshal. Installations in the "Royal City" without "Grandpa" Welsh as Grand Marshal would be tame affairs.

The Brethren here regret very much the departure from our midst of Bro. the Rev. J. H. Best, who has gone to Rossland. Bro. Best has always taken a lively interest in Oddfellowship, and his services will be greatly missed, more especially at the Anniversary Services. The Brothers of Rossland are to be congratulated on having among them a Brother who is so well versed and who can so ably expound the principles of our Order.

Thanking you for the honor conferred upon me in appointing me your District Deputy,

I remain,

Yours fraternally,

T. A. MUIR,

D. D. G. M., District No. 2.

NANAIMO, B. C., June 3rd, 1897.

H. B. Gilmour, Esq., Grand Master, I. O. O. F.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have the honor to furnish you with the following Report of my official acts as your Deputy during the past year.

July 8th, 1896, installed the officers of Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5.

July 6th, 1896, installed the officers of Centennial Lodge, No. 20.

July 11, 1896, installed the officers of Cedar Lodge, No. 35.

August 14th, 1896, installed the officers of Friendship Lodge, No. 30.

January 2nd, 1897, installed the officers of Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5.

January 9th, 1897, installed the officers of Cedar Lodge, No. 35.

January 11th, 1897, installed the officers of Centennial Lodge, No. 20.

January 22, 1897, installed the officers of Friendship Lodge, No. 30.

I am pleased to state that the Lodges in this District are in a prosperous condition considering the state of the surroundings.

Yours fraternally,

GEO. E. NORRIS,
D. D. G. M., District No. 3.

WELLINGTON, B. C.

H. B. Gilmour, Esq., Grand Master G. L. of B. C., I. O. O. F.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have much pleasure in submitting the following Report of my official acts during my term of office.

July 6th, 1896, installed the officers of Harmony Lodge, No. 6.

July 8th, 1896, installed the officers of Banner Lodge, No. 31, with exception of V. G., being absent from town.

July 15th, 1896, installed the officers of Perseverance Lodge, No. 29, with exception of N. G., being absent from town.

August 12th, 1896, installed V. G. of Banner Lodge, No. 31.

September 1st, 1896, installed N. G. of Perseverance Lodge, No. 29.

September 30th, 1896, installed Treasurer of Banner Lodge, No. 31, that office having become vacant by resignation.

I now send you my resignation as D. D. G. M. of District No. 4, the reason is, I had to find employment elsewhere.

I thank you for appointing me D. D. G. M., and am sorry I could not stay to finish my term.

I remain,
Yours in F. L. & T.,
H. W. JONES,

CHILLIWACK, B. C., May 31st, 1897.

H. B. Gilmour, Esq., Grand Master, I. O. O. F.:

I herewith forward you a Report of my official acts as District Deputy for District No. 5:

I installed the officers of Excelsior Lodge, No. 7, at the beginning of each term.

The Rebekah Lodge has not met during the year.

Excelsior Lodge's membership has decreased owing to the suspensions for non-payment of dues.

Financially we are in good standing and with the upward tendency of things in general we expect a prosperous year.

I am, fraternally yours,
A H. GILLANDERS,
D. D. G. M.

VANCOUVER, B. C., June 7th, 1897.

H. B. Gilmour, Esq., Grand Master, I. O. O. F., Vancouver, B. C.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—As your D. D. G. M. for District No. 6, comprising Lodges 8, 10, 19 and 26, I beg to submit for your approbation, a statement of my official acts during my term of office.

July 3rd, 1893, granted a dispensation to Mount Pleasant Lodge, No. 19, to elect a Third Degree member to the office of Noble Grand, as all those eligible for the office declined nomination.

July 3rd, 1896, assisted by several Past Grands, installed the Officers of Vancouver Lodge, No. 8.

September 18th, 1896, I visited Mount Pleasant Lodge, No. 19, for the purpose of installing into office their newly elected Vice-Grand in place of Bro. R. H. Carscadden who resigned owing to his having to leave this Jurisdiction.

DECISION.

On October 30th, 1886, I received the following communication:

Western Star Lodge, No. 10,

VANCOUVER, B. C., Oct. 29th, 1896.

A. Mackenzie, D. D. G. M., Vancouver. B. C.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have been instructed to write you and ask for your interpretation of Article XX., Section 4, of our By-laws including the following sentence: "If no funeral expenses are incurred by the death of a brother, wife, or widow, no appropriation shall be made from the Funds of this Lodge.

Yours in F. L. & T.,

J. D. McTAGGART,

Rec.-Secretary.

In response to the above I sent the following reply:

VANCOUVER, B. C., 12th Nov., 1896.

Mr. J. D. McTaggart, Rec. Secretary Western Star Lodge, No. 10.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Your communication of October 29th, under the Seal of your Lodge, came duly to hand.

You ask me for my interpretation of Section 4, Article XX., of the By-laws of your Lodge, particularly the following sentence. "If no Funeral expenses are incurred by the death of a brother, wife or Widow no appropriation shall be made from the funds of this Lodge."

I regret that the instructions you convey are so indefinite as to force me to reasonably think that the Lodge should have instructed you to tell me what was its own interpretation of this particular Section of its By-laws—the Lodge is *the interpreter* of its own By-laws, leaving the right of appeal to any one of its members.

However, I take it for granted that you leave all contention aside and ask me to give my decision as to what is meant by the sentence above referred to. In order to explain it is necessary for me to refer to the *first clause* of Section 4, Article XX., which reads. "On the death of a brother entitled to benefits a sum not exceeding \$60.00 shall be appropriated and paid by the Noble Grand *towards* defraying his funeral expenses."

You will observe that this appropriation is made by the Lodge "*towards* defraying the funeral expenses," but "if *no funeral* expenses are incurred by the death of a brother, wife or widow, *no* appropriation shall be made from the funds of the Lodge."

"What does this mean?" you ask me. I construe it to mean this. When a Brother has been buried by some one, other than an immediate relative, by an Employer, Society, Corporation or Institution, etc., and assume the expense of the funeral (as per Undertaker's bill) no appropriation shall be made from the funds of the Lodge. Allow me to illustrate. Brother A was killed in an accident while in the discharge of his usual occupation; his employers paid the undertaker for the funeral expenses. In this case his relatives incurred no funeral expenses, and to make an appropriation from the funds of the Lodge in connection with such a case would be a violation of the By-laws of the Lodge as per Section 4, Article XX.

In support of this I beg to refer you to Sections 99 and 100, White's Digest, 1889.

I am, dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

ALEX'R. MACKENZIE,
D. D. G. M., District No. 6.

January 8th, 1887. assisted by several Past Grands, I installed the Officers of Mount Pleasant Lodge, No. 19.

January 11th, I installed the officers of Pacific Lodge, No. 26.

January 14th, I visited Western Star Lodge, No. 10, and installed the officers.

On March 26th, I received the following letter from Pacific Lodge, No. 26.

VANCOUVER, March 26th, 1897.

Mr. A. Mackenzie, D. D. G. M., Vancouver:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have been instructed by our Lodge to ask you whether or not it is within the jurisdiction of Subordinate Lodges to excuse the Warden from saluting the Chairs when passing from the Lodge room to the ante room on errands for the Lodge.

Yours in F. L. & T.,

T. S. BROWN,

Rec.-Secretary.

To this communication I replied as follows:

VANCOUVER, April 12th, 1897.

Mr. T. S. Brown, Rec.-Secretary, Pacific Lodge, No. 26:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I duly received your letter of March 25th, under Seal of your Lodge asking me, "whether or not it is within the

jurisdiction of Subordinate Lodges to excuse the Warden from saluting the Chairs when passing from the Lodge room to the ante room on errands for the Lodge."

In reply I have to say that a Subordinate Lodge cannot by resolution or otherwise add to, or deduct from the ancient usages of the Order. I therefore decide that no officer, including the Warden, is permitted to enter, or retire from the Lodge room without addressing the Chairs except where this is specially permitted—in the Initiatory Degree, for instance, where the Warden retires to the ante room with the Candidate. I am also guided to this conclusion by Section 1483, White's Digest, 1895.

Yours fraternally,

ALEX'R. MACKENZIE,
D. D. G. M., District No. 6.

On May 30th, 1897, I received the following letter from Western Star Lodge, No. 10.

VANCOUVER, B. C., May 28th, 1897.

Mr. Alex'r. Mackenzie, D. D. G. M., District No. 6:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am instructed to write and ask you if it would be against the laws of the Order, or is there anything in the Constitution to prevent Subordinate Lodges from taking part in Public Processions. For instance, we have an invitation from the Sons of England Benevolent Society to attend a commemorative service. What our Lodge would like to know is, would they violate any of the laws of the Order by accepting the invitation. Please answer at your earliest convenience, and oblige.

Yours fraternally,

J. D. McTAGGART,
Rec.-Secretary.

In reply to the above I wrote as follows:

VANCOUVER, June 7th, 1897.

Mr. J. D. McTaggart, Rec.-Secretary, Western Star Lodge. No. 10:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Your letter of May 28th, came duly to hand. I regret that pressure of work prevented me answering it before now.

You ask me if there is anything in the laws of the Order to prevent your Lodge "taking part in a Public Procession," for instance, as you state, "accepting an invitation from the Sons of England Benevolent Society to attend a commemorative service."

There is nothing, to my knowledge, in the laws of the Order bearing on this question, the general law allows the Grand Master to use his discretion, and before your Lodge can participate in the services, a dispensation must be secured from the Grand Master.

Yours fraternally,

ALEX'R. MACKENZIE,
D. D. G. M., District No. 6.

I am pleased to report that the Lodges of this District are in a fairly prosperous condition.

Mount Pleasant Lodge, No. 19, although fighting against adverse circumstances, is holding its own, which is certainly a credit to those who so faithfully and perseveringly attend its meetings.

Vancouver Lodge, No. 8, is working along energetically and is in a sound condition, both numerically and financially.

Western Star Lodge, No. 10, has made decided progress during the past year—having initiated quite a number of Candidates.

Pacific Lodge, No. 26, has not been as prosperous as we could have wished, the initiations have been few, and the membership has slightly declined. During the past year a great deal of sickness has been encountered by No. 26, making heavy demands upon the treasury.

No. 26, is still, however, the Banner Lodge, and is in a sound financial condition.

I am also very pleased to report that the most absolute harmony has prevailed among the membership in this District during the past year.

The frequent fraternal visits among the Lodges during the past winter has had a very salutary effect upon the membership.

In conclusion I beg to thank you most sincerely for the confidence you reposed in me in appointing me as your District Deputy, the duties of which, though inadequately performed, have been a source of the greatest pleasure to me.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted by

Yours, in F. L. & T.,

ALEX'R MACKENZIE,
D. D. G. M., District No. 6.

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KAMLOOPS, B. C., May 25th, 1897.

H. B. Gilmour, Esq., Grand Master G. L. of B. C., I. O. O. F.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have the honor to submit the following as a report of my official acts as your Deputy for this District.

I installed the officers of Tatnai Lodge, No 9, at the commencement of each term.

Our Lodge is working along harmoniously with small increase in membership, and we hope the Grand Lodge meeting here will have a tendency to an increase in our Lodge.

Yours fraternally,

W. M. BIRD.

D. D. G. M., District No. 7.

UNION, B. C., May 13, 1897.

H. B. Gilmour, Esq., Grand Master, I. O. O. F.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—As your District Deputy for District No. 8, I beg to submit the following as my Report:

On July 3rd, 1896, assisted by several Past Grands, I had the pleasure of installing the officers of Union Lodge, No. 11, into their respective chairs.

January 8th, 1897, being unable to attend Lodge the N. G. requested P. G. Bro. Wm. Cessford to instal the officers of Union Lodge, No. 11.

There was only the matter of what constituted legal funeral expenses submitted to me for decision, which I referred to you for your decision.

Yours in F. L. & T.,

CHARLIE WHYTE,

D. D. G. M., District No. 8.

DONALD, B. C., May 31st, 1897.

H. B. Gilmour, Esq., Grand Master, I. O. O. F.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I beg to furnish you with my report as your Deputy for District No. 9, for the past year.

On July 2nd, 1896, installed the officers of Selkirk Lodge, No, 12.

On January 14th, 1897, installed the officers of Selkirk Lodge, No. 12.

On January 24th, 1897, granted dispensation to confer the Three Degrees on Bro. Fee in one night on account of his leaving town.

Yours in F. L. & T.,

JOHN PALMER,
D. D. G. M., District No. 9.

CLOVERDALE, B. C., June 3rd, 1897.

H. B. Gilmour, Esq., Grand Master, I. O. O. F.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have the honor to submit for your approval the following report of my official acts as your Deputy for District No. 10.

July 10th, 1896, with the assistance of P. G. Bro. J. C. Murphy, and P. G. Bro. Patterson, I installed the officers of Cloverdale Lodge, No. 15.

January 2nd, 1897, assisted by P. G. Bro. J. C. Murphy and P. G. Bro. A. B. Smith, I fulfilled a similar duty at Cloverdale Lodge, No. 15.

I am pleased to state I have not been called upon to decide any questions of contention during my term of office, which is in itself evidence of the harmonious manner in which the affairs of this Lodge is managed.

I also take much pleasure in recording your official visit to this Lodge which was (it is needless to say) a source of very great pleasure to all the Brothers present on that occasion.

In conclusion I might state, that though the various callings of life has scattered many of our members far and wide, a fair attendance is still maintained and the Lodge is in a sound healthy condition financially.

Fraternally submitted,

in F. L. & T.,

R. D. MACKENZIE,
D. D. G. M., District No. 10.

NELSON, B. C., May 26th, 1897.

H. B. Gilmour, Esq., Grand Master G. L. of B. C., I. O. O. F.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:

I have much pleasure in furnishing you with a report of my official acts during my term of office. At the commencement of each term assisted by the Past Grands of our Lodge I installed into their respective chairs the officers of Kootenay Lodge, No. 16. On March 3rd I instituted Silver City Lodge No. 39.

Kootenay Lodge, No. 16 is making steady progress, during the last term the Lodge has built for itself a Hall which, I am proud to say, is paid for, and still the Lodge is in a good financial condition notwithstanding the heavy drain on its resources during the first term through sickness. The Lodge is working harmoniously.

Trusting this report will be satisfactory,

Yours in F. L. & T.,

WM. HODSON,

D. D. G. M., District No. 11.

VERNON, B. C., May 27th, 1897.

H. B. Gilmour, Esq., Grand Master, I. O. O. F., Vancouver:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have the honor to submit the following report of my official acts as your Deputy for District No. 13.

On July 5th, 1896, and January 21st, 1897 I installed the officers of Vernon Valley Lodge, No. 18.

On April 23rd, 1897, I granted a dispensation to Vernon Valley Lodge No. 18, to confer 2nd and 3rd Degrees in one night on Bro. D. McIntyre.

Vernon Valley Lodge, No. 18, is doing very well at present, your visit last Spring was a great pleasure, and was a great help to the Lodge. You were the first Grand Lodge officer that has officially visited this Lodge since it was instituted four years last April. We have added five new members this term, but I regret to say that the older members, or a great many of them when they have gone through the chairs seem to lose all interest in the Lodge. Hoping to be able to meet you on the 9th of June at Kamloops, I remain,

Yours fraternally,

S. C. SMITH,

D. D. G. M., District, No. 13.

LADNER'S LANDING, B. C., May 31st, 1897.

H. B. Gilmour, Esq., Grand Master, I. O. O. F.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have the pleasure to submit the following report of my official acts as your Deputy for District No. 14.

On July 13th, 1896, I installed the officers of Delta Lodge, No. 21 into their respective chairs.

On January 4th, 1897, I installed the officers of Delta Lodge, No. 21.

I have not been asked to decide any questions, so have no further report to make.

I am pleased to state that Delta Lodge, No. 21, is holding its own fairly well.

Fraternally submitted,

J. F. STANTON.

D. D. G. M., District, No. 14.

NORTH BEND, B. C., May 28th, 1897.

H. B. Gilmour, Esq., Grand Master, I. O. O. F.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I beg to submit for your approval my official acts as your Deputy for District No. 15, for the past year.

August 1st, 1896, and January 2nd, 1897, I installed officers of Gold Range Lodge, No. 22.

I am pleased to state that Gold Range Lodge is still holding its own in membership and finances, the latter as a rule being small owing to the majority of the members being absent from town, and scattered as they are, I must give them credit for sticking to their Lodge and the Order in the manner which they are doing.

Yours fraternally,

J. Z. CHOATE,

D. D. G. M., District No. 15

ASHCROFT, B. C., 2nd July, 1897.

H. B. Gilmour, Esq., Grand Master G. L. of B. C., I. O. O. F.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have much pleasure in submitting my report as D. D. G. M. for District No. 16.

On 4th July, 1896, installed the officers of Ashcroft Lodge, No. 23.

On January 2nd, 1897, installed the officers of Ashcroft Lodge, No. 23.

No legal points for decision were brought up during my term of office.

I am, dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

JOSEPH WM. BURR,

D. D. G. M., District No. 16.

GOLDEN, B. C., May 27th, 1897.

H. B. Gilmour, Esq., Grand Master, I. O. O. F.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Replying to yours of 2nd inst., would say:

July 6th, 1896, installed officers of Rocky Mountain Lodge, No. 34, I. O. O. F.

January 31st, 1897, installed officers of Rocky Mountain Lodge, No. 34, I. O. O. F.

On May 15th, Rocky Mountain Lodge lost a Brother by drowning, and there being no time to write to you, granted permission to wear regalia on the occasion of funeral on May 16th. My District is not large, and of a peaceful nature, so have had smooth sailing with only an occasional little fuss just to keep things alive. Hope to see you in Kamloops, although I am not the Representative this year.

Yours in F. L. & T.,

CHAS. A. WARREN,
D. D. G. M.

ROSSLAND, B. C., May 26th, 1897.

H. B. Gilmour, Esq., Grand Master, I. O. O. F.:

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have the honor to report the following during my term as D. D. G. M., District No. 22, at Rossland, B. C.

January 4th, 1897, the installation of officers (present term.)

Owing to the resignation of our Treasurer, a new Treasurer was installed April 12th, 1897. Other than the above, little or no business was had at the direction of D. D. G. M.

Fraternally yours,

JOHN JACKSON, JR.,
D. D. G. M., District No. 22.

CARSON, B. C., May 27th, 1897.

H. B. Gilmour, Esq., Grand Master G. L. of B. C., I. O. O. F.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—As D. D. of District 23, I have the honor to report that I instituted Boundary Valley Lodge, No. 38, February last with a membership of 15, which has since been steadily growing. It is composed of a very good class of men, and will be a successful and prosperous Lodge. A report of officers was sent the Grand Secretary.

In January I installed officers in Carson Lodge, No. 37. This Lodge is doing very well considering circumstances, it is not in as populous a district as Boundary Valley, and cannot be expected to grow quite as fast.

The Order in this new but growing country, I believe will from now on prosper and grow steadily.

Respectfully submitted in F. L. & T.,

Yours fraternally,

O. B. NELSON,
D. D. G. M., District, No. 23.

VICTORIA, B. C., May 31st, 1897.

H. B. Gilmour, Esq., Grand Master, I. O. O. F. of B. C.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In submitting a report of my official acts, as your District Deputy for District No. 1, Rebekah Lodges, I have but little to report.

On the 14th of July, 1896, and also on the 12th of January, 1897, I had the honor as well as the pleasure of installing the officers of Colfax Rebekah Lodge, No. 1, into their respective chairs.

Yours fraternally,

MAGGIE E. GLOVER,
D. D. G. M. District No. 1.

NANAIMO, B. C., May 30th, 1897.

H. B. Gilmour, Esq., Grand Master, I. O. O. F.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—It gives me great pleasure in submitting to you the following report of my official acts during my term of office as D. D. G. M.

July 14th, 1896, I installed the officers of Miriam Rebekah Lodge, No. 3, Nanaimo.

January 12th, 1897, I installed the officers of Miriam Rebekah Lodge, No. 3, Nanaimo.

On January 26th, 1897, I installed the Vice Grand of Miriam Rebekah Lodge, No. 3, Nanaimo.

In tendering you my report of the year ending June 30th, I have much pleasure in stating that Miriam Rebekah Lodge is progressing numerically and financially.

The membership is increasing slowly, a few members have dropped out and we are initiating others in their place. I regret very much that our brethren of Nanaimo take so little interest in the Rebekah work. I would cordially invite our young members of the Odd Fellows to join in the good work, and make Miriam Lodge one of the strongest Lodges in the jurisdiction.

Fraternally submitted in F. L. & T,

ISABEL FULTON,
D. D. G. M., District, No. 3.

NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C., May 29th, 1897.

H. B. Gilmour, Esq., Grand Master, I. O. O. F.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER, - I have the honor to present to you the following report of my official acts during the past year.

July 7th, 1896, installed the officers of Fidelity Rebekah Lodge, No. 10, Ladners.

July 8th, 1896, installed the officers of Alpine Rebekah Lodge, No. 6.

July 14th, 1896, installed the officers of Beulah Rebekah Lodge, No. 5.

January 8th, 1897, installed the officers of Fidelity Rebekah Lodge, No. 10, Ladners.

January 12th, 1897, installed the officers of Beulah Rebekah Lodge, No. 5.

I am pleased to report that I have not been called upon to decide any questions which shows that peace and harmony exist among our members.

Dispensation granted once during the year to Fidelity Rebekah Lodge, No. 10, Ladners, to hold an Ice Cream Social.

I regret to note the falling off from our past record, but the prospects for the future are most encouraging.

We had three initiations during the past month and only two withdrawals during the year.

Alpine Rebekah Lodge, No. 6, surrendered its Charter in February, 1897.

In conclusion permit me to tender my warmest thanks to all those Sisters that have so kindly given their assistance in the performance of my duties.

Most earnestly do I thank Past Grands, Sister Ferguson, Sister

Gilley, and Sister Foulds, for their kind assistance in all the work during the year.

Thanking you for the honor conferred upon me,

I remain,

Fraternally yours,

IDA M. PEARCE,

D. D. G. M., District No. 5.

WELLINGTON, May 25th, 1897.

H. B. Gilmour, Esq., Grand Master, I. O. O. F.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In tendering you my report, as your District Deputy for District No. 6, I have much pleasure in stating that Laural Rebekah Lodge, No. 9 is progressing very favorably. A few of our older members have dropped out but younger members are taking their places who will, I think, make better members as they are able to attend better.

On July 9th I had the pleasure of installing the officers for the term ending December 31st, 1896, and in January I installed the officers for term ending June 30th, 1897.

I am very sorry not to have met you during your short stay in Wellington on account of sickness.

Yours in F. L. & T.,

MARION MUIR,

D. D. G. M., District No. 6.

UNION, B. C., June 3rd, 1897.

H. B. Gilmour, Esq., Grand Master, I. O. O. F.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have the honor to report to you my official acts during the last year.

I installed the officers of Union Lodge, No. 11, in January, 1897.

I am pleased to report that our Lodge is in a good condition socially and financially.

LONELLA STEVENS,

D. D. G. M., District No. 7

Constitution

OF THE

Grand Lodge of British Columbia,

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS.

INCORPORATED UNDER THE BENEFICENT SOCIETIES' ACT, 1891,
10TH FEBRUARY, 1896.

CONSTITUTION

- OF THE -

GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, I. O. O. F.

INCORPORATED UNDER THE BENEVOLENT SOCIETIES' ACT, 1891,
10TH FEBRUARY, 1896.

PREAMBLE.

WHEREAS, The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, possessing original and exclusive jurisdiction—the source of all true and legitimate authority in Odd Fellowship—did, by its warrant, bearing date the 25th day of April, in the fifty-fifth year of our Order, grant authority to certain Past Grands of the Order, resident in the Province of British Columbia, to form a Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, to be known and hailed by the name, style and title of the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of the Province of British Columbia, giving and granting to them and their successors, by the name, style and title aforesaid, full power and authority to grant warrants for opening Lodges subordinate to it, for the propagation of the established principles of the Order; with power and authority also, to cause all honorary and the first three degrees of the Order to be conferred on deserving members, according to the laws, customs, and ancient usages of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; and as the Grand Legislative Head of the Order in the Province of British Columbia, to have and to exercise full power and authority to enforce upon its subordinates a strict adherence to the laws of the Order, and to make and establish such rules for their government as in the opinion of the said Grand Lodge may be for the advancement of the Order and in conformity to the directions of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.

Now, therefore, we, the Past Grands, residing within said jurisdiction, do hereby make and declare the following as the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, for the Province of British Columbia.

ARTICLE I.

OF THE GRAND LODGE.

SECTION 1. This Grand Lodge shall be known by the name,

style and title of "The Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of the Province of British Columbia," and shall be composed of all Past Grands who are contributing members of the Lodges subordinate to this Grand Lodge, and in good standing, and who have been admitted as required by this Constitution.

SEC. 2. The Grand Lodge has jurisdiction in Odd Fellowship over the territory known as the Province of British Columbia, and over all Subordinate Lodges situated within the said territory or Province, or working under the authority of the same, and is the Supreme Tribunal of the Order in its jurisdiction.

SEC. 3. To entitle a Past Grand to be admitted to the Grand Lodge he must produce satisfactory evidence that he is such, and is a contributing member in good standing of a Lodge subordinate to this Grand Lodge at the time of his admission.

ARTICLE II.

OF THE SESSIONS AND BUSINESS OF THE GRAND LODGE.

SECTION 1. The Grand Lodge shall hold regular Annual Communications to begin on the second Wednesday of June in each year at such hour as the Executive officers shall determine, due notice thereof being given to all Subordinate Lodges at least two weeks prior to the meeting of the Grand Lodge, and shall continue to meet at such hours as may be agreed upon from day to day (Sundays excepted) until the close of the session.

SEC. 2. The business of the Grand Lodge shall be transacted by the elective and appointed officers of the Grand Lodge, and the representatives elected, in the manner hereinafter provided. All Past Grands in good standing, who have received the Grand Lodge Degree, may be present at the session; but none except officers of, and representatives to, the Grand Lodge, and Past Grand Masters of this Lodge in good standing, shall have the right to vote, or, without permission, to speak on any subject at the Session.

SEC. 3. Every Subordinate Lodge shall be entitled in this Grand Lodge to one representative for its members of fifty; also one representative for every fifty members over and above said first number of fifty members in good standing. Representatives must be Past Grands in good standing, and shall be elected by the Lodge at the first regular meeting in May of each year to serve one year from the beginning of said Annual Communication. Provided that no new Lodge shall be entitled to representation in this Grand Lodge until it has paid at least one semi-annual tax. Each Lodge shall at the same time elect one alternate for each representative elected, and, in case a representative shall be unable to attend the session of the Grand Lodge, then the alternate re-

ceiving the highest number of votes may attend in his place and have all the powers and privileges of a representative. Vacancies may be filled at any time to serve the remainder of the term.

SEC. 4. Each elective and appointed officer, except the Grand Master, who is not also a representative, and each representative, shall be entitled to one vote. The Grand Master shall be entitled to vote in all cases of a tie. In case of the absence of any representative, the representatives of his Lodge present may cast the vote of the absentee, providing they have his written authority to do so. In the election of Grand Officers, each Past Grand in attendance, at the annual communication, shall be entitled to one vote only.

SEC. 5. Special sessions may be called at the option of the Grand Master. Such sessions shall be for the transaction of extraordinary business only, which shall be specified in the call, and not less than fifteen days' notice shall be given by letter to each representative, which fifteen days shall begin from the date on which said letters are mailed. Such special session shall be held at the place as specified in the notice calling the Session.

SEC. 6. The Grand Lodge cannot be opened unless representatives from three Lodges are present, including ten members, in addition to the Grand Master, or his Deputy.

ARTICLE III.

OF OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The elective officers of this Grand Lodge shall be:

- 1st. Grand Master.
- 2nd. Deputy Grand Master.
- 3rd. Grand Warden.
- 4th. Grand Secretary.
- 5th. Grand Treasurer.

The Grand Representative or Representatives to represent this Grand Lodge in the Sovereign Grand Lodge shall be elected in accordance with the Constitution and Laws of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and in the form and manner herein prescribed for the nomination and election of Grand Officers.

SEC. 2. The appointed officers shall be:

- Grand Chaplain.
- Grand Marshal.
- Grand Conductor.
- Grand Guardian.
- Grand Herald.

District Deputy Grand Masters for each District, provided, that

Past Grands may be appointed to discharge the duties of District Deputy Grand Masters previous to being admitted to membership. But District Deputy Grand Masters are not thereby made ex-officio Officers or members of this Grand Lodge.

SEC. 3. Any Past Grand a member of the Grand Lodge shall be eligible for any elective or appointed office in this Grand Lodge.

SEC. 4. The election for elective officers of the Grand Lodge shall be held at nine o'clock, p. m., on the first day of the session, by ballot, in the following manner:

When open in that order of business, each Past Grand present having the privilege to nominate, there shall be provided a ballot box, in which to deposit the ballots, with two tellers; and all shall proceed to vote: and when all have voted, the Grand Master shall proclaim the ballot closed, and the tellers shall immediately canvas the votes, and if there be no choice for the officer balloted for, a new ballot shall be immediately ordered. which ballot shall be confined to the three having the greatest number of votes (provided there are three voted for) and if there then be no choice, the ballot shall be confined to the two receiving the greatest number of votes. Any Past Grand qualified, having received a majority of votes, shall be declared elected, and shall be installed into his respective office on the last day of the session. Provided, that in all cases where only one person is in nomination for an office, the election may be held *viva voce*. Provided also: That the Grand Lodge may, after a four-fifths vote, install any officer or officers at any time after his election; but the duties of said officer or officers shall not commence until the last day of the session.

SEC. 5. The appointed officers shall be appointed by the Grand Master, by and with the consent and approval of this Grand Lodge, after his installation.

ARTICLE IV.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The Grand Master shall preside at all sessions of the Grand Lodge, and preserve order therein, and enforce a due observance of the Constitution and By-laws of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and of this Grand Lodge.

All questions of order, and all decisions made by him on any point growing out of the Constitution or By-laws of this Grand Lodge, shall be subject to appeal from his decision to the Grand Lodge; and it shall be his duty to put the question on all such appeals to the Grand Lodge.

He shall appoint Officers pro tem. to fill vacancies in the Grand Lodge whilst in session, and all committees not otherwise provided for in this Constitution, or ordered by the Grand Lodge. He shall give the

casting vote in all cases where the votes are equally divided, except in cases of election of officers. When any demand shall have been approved by a majority of the Finance Committee, he shall order the Grand Treasurer to pay the same. He may grant dispensations:

- 1st. To confer degrees on a member without delay.
- 2nd. To allow members of the Order to appear in public in regalia.
- 3rd. To allow Lodges to apply to other Lodges for assistance.
- 4th. To allow Lodges to admit to membership persons who reside near some other Lodge.
- 5th. To authorize the installation of officers in public.
- 6th. To give entertainments for the benefit of the Order.
- 7th. To authorize the balloting for, and initiation of, a candidate at the time his proposition is presented to a Lodge.
- 8th. To allow Subordinate Lodges to change their place of meeting.
- 9th. To allow a brother to be reinstated after expulsion.
- 10th. To institute Lodges, and authorize them to work as such until the next session of this Grand Lodge.
- 11th. To empower Subordinate Lodges to elect Scarlet Degree members to any office in such Lodge, provided all qualified brothers refuse to serve.

He may, in person, confer the Past Official Degrees. He shall decide all appeals on questions of law, which may be made to him from the decisions of his deputies. He shall receive and act upon all complaints which may be made to him against his deputies or Lodges. He shall give such instructions from time to time in the work of the Order to the deputies, or to the Lodges, as may be necessary. When officially visiting Subordinate Lodges, he shall be received with the honors of the Order.

SEC. 2. The Deputy Grand Master shall support the Grand Master in presiding, and in his absence shall fill the chair for him. During the absence of the Grand Master from this jurisdiction, or when he may be under charges duly preferred, or during the incapacity of the Grand Master arising from illness, or any other cause the Deputy Grand Master shall be invested with all his powers. In the event of a vacancy in the office of Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master shall become Grand Master for the balance of the term, and receive the honors of a full term.

SEC. 3. The Grand Warden shall assist the Grand Master in conducting the business of the Grand Lodge. He shall, under the Grand Master, have special charge of the door, and in the absence of the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master, he shall preside.

SEC. 4. The Grand Secretary shall make a just and true record of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge at every session, and transmit

as soon as practicable after the close of the annual session, to the Subordinate Lodges, copies thereof; he shall keep the accounts between the Grand Lodge and its Subordinates, receive all moneys coming therefrom, and pay the same over to the Grand Treasurer; he shall issue all necessary notices and circulars to Subordinates, representatives and officers; he shall provide all stationery for the use of the Grand Lodge, and superintend such printing as the Lodge shall direct; he shall perform such other duties as are herein provided for, or that may be ordered by the Grand Lodge; he shall receive such salary as may be fixed upon at each annual session, which shall be paid quarterly; he shall, previous to installation, give bonds to the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows' of the Province of British Columbia, in such form and penalty as shall be approved of, for the faithful discharge of his duties.

SEC. 5. The Grand Treasurer shall receive and take charge of the moneys of the Grand Lodge, pay all orders drawn on him by the Grand Master, under the seal of the Grand Lodge, make such investment of the funds as the Grand Lodge may direct; keep his accounts in such a manner as will exhibit the resources and amount of receipts, and by whom paid, the purpose and amount of disbursements, and to whom paid; have his accounts closed up on the Saturday preceding the second Wednesday in June, annually, and submit them to the Finance Committee. He shall attend all regular sessions of the Grand Lodge; he shall, previous to installation, give bonds to the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of the Province of British Columbia, in such form and penalty as shall be approved of, for the faithful performance of his duties.

SEC. 6. The Grand Representatives shall attend the meetings of the Sovereign Grand Lodge and faithfully represent the interests of this Grand Lodge and the Order generally; they shall attend the meetings of this Grand Lodge and submit a synopsis of the proceedings of the session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge attended by them.

SEC. 7. The District Deputy Grand Master shall, in the absence of the Grand Master, or other elective Grand officer, install the officers of all Lodges in his District, and enforce a due observance of the Constitution, By-laws, and Resolutions of the Grand Lodge; be the organ of the Grand Master with the Subordinates in his Jurisdiction; have power to grant dispensations to Lodges in his district to confer the three degrees in less time than may otherwise be permitted, when circumstances require it; he shall see that the work of the Order is performed uniformly, confer official degrees on Past Grands, collect from Lodges in his district all returns and moneys due the Grand Lodge, and forward them immediately to the Grand Secretary; decide all questions of law that may be submitted to him by Lodges under his charge, and report annually to the

Grand Master his proceedings. He shall forthwith report to the Grand Master all cases of violation on the part of Subordinates of the Constitution and By-laws of the Grand Lodge, or disobedience to its lawful commands.

SEC. 8. The appointed officers of this Grand Lodge shall perform such duties as are required by their charges and the usages of the Order.

ARTICLE V.

REMOVALS AND VACANCIES.

SECTION 1. Any Grand Officer may be removed from his office by the Grand Lodge for misconduct or neglect of duty, but he shall be entitled to a fair trial, and two-thirds of the votes of the members present shall be necessary for removal.

SEC. 2. No officer shall officiate in the Grand Lodge during the time of his trial. Whenever the Grand Master, or officer acting as such, shall be on trial, or whenever a resolution for the removal of the Grand Master or officer acting as such, shall be submitted, the Grand Lodge may direct any Past Grand Master, (in case the Deputy Grand Master or Grand Warden are incapacitated) to occupy the chair.

SEC. 3. Any member may be expelled from the Grand Lodge as such for misconduct upon the vote of two-thirds of the members present at any meeting, after a copy of the resolution of expulsion shall have been served upon him.

SEC. 4. Vacancies in the office of District Deputy Grand Master shall be filled by the Grand Master. Vacancies in the other Grand Offices, except that of Grand Master, shall be filled by the Grand Lodge, if in session; if not, them by the Standing Committee, for the remainder of the term. Provided, That in case of a vacancy in the office of Grand Representative, the appointee of the Standing Committee shall only hold office until the succeeding session of this Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMITTEES.

SECTION 1. The elective Grand Officers, shall constitute the Standing Committee to act in the recess of the Annual Session of the Grand Lodge, and perform such duties as may be assigned to them. Of said committee the Grand Master shall be chairman, and he may call meetings thereof at his discretion. Provided, that when it shall be necessary to convene a meeting of the Standing Committee the Grand Master is empowered to draw on the Grand Treasurer a sufficient amount to pay the actual expenses of the members which shall not exceed the rate allowed for attendance at the session of the Grand Lodge.

Sec. 2. There shall be appointed, at each annual session, the following regular committees, from among the members:

- 1st. Committee on Credentials.
- 2nd. Committee on Finance.
- 3rd. Committee on Appeals and Grievances.
- 4th. Committee on Laws of Subordinates.
- 5th. Committee on Petitions.
- 6th. Committee on the State of the Order.
- 7th. Committee on Legislation.
- 8th. Committee on Printing.
- 9th. Committee on Judiciary.
- 10th. Committee on Mileage and per diem.

Sec. 3. The Committee on Credentials shall consist of five members, who shall be appointed by the Grand Master who is holding over, or the incumbent of the chair at the time of opening of the session, and whose duty it shall be to examine and report to the Grand Lodge on the credentials and certificates of members.

Sec. 4. The Committee on Finance shall consist of five members, whose duty it shall be to examine and report on all accounts and claims against the Grand Lodge: to examine the accounts of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, annually, and report the result of their examination, and the condition of the finances immediately thereafter to the Grand Lodge; to ascertain and report at the commencement of each annual session, the amount required for the expenses of the Grand Lodge for the ensuing year, and suggest such measures of finance as they may deem expedient.

Sec. 5. The Committee on Appeals and Grievances shall consist of five members, whose duty it shall be to examine all appeals and grievances referred to them, and report thereon such action as may be proper in the Grand Lodge.

All appeals taken from the action of the Subordinate Lodges shall, as fast as the same are received by the Grand Secretary, be transmitted by him to the chairman of the Committee on Appeals. If the Committee on Appeals find the papers defective in any essential particulars, they shall certify the fact to the Grand Secretary, who shall remit the papers to the respective Subordinate Lodge, requiring it forthwith to correct the defects complained of, and return the amended papers to Grand Secretary, who shall immediately transmit the same to the chairman of the Committee on Appeals. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Appeals to report, at the earliest practicable day of the Annual Session, their action upon the appeals transmitted to them during the recess of the Grand Lodge.

Sec. 6. The Committee on Laws of Subordinates shall consist of

five members whose duty it shall be to examine and report on the By-laws and amendments thereto of Subordinate, Rebekah and Degree Lodges referred to them, and to direct such alterations therein as will make them conform to the laws and regulations of the Order, subject to the approval of the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 7. The Committee on Petitions shall consist of five members, whose duty it shall be to examine all applications for charters referred to them, and report to the Grand Lodge such action thereon as may be proper.

SEC. 8. The Committee on the State of the Order shall consist of five members, who shall examine the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters and reports of Subordinate Lodges and such other matters as may be referred to them, and report thereon to the Grand Lodge, and they shall annually present to the Grand Lodge an exhibit of the condition and progress of the Order under this jurisdiction, and recommend such measures for the Good of the Order as from time to time they shall judge proper.

SEC. 9. The Committee on Legislation shall consist of five members, who shall examine and report on all proposed amendments of the Constitution, By-laws, Rules of Order and Resolutions governing this Grand Lodge, and such other matters as may be referred to them by the Grand Lodge or Grand Master.

SEC. 10. The Committee on Printing shall consist of five members, of which the Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge shall be one, and shall be chairman thereof. They shall decide all matters of printing, and none of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge shall be given to the public press without having first received the sanction of a majority of said Committee.

SEC. 11. The Committee on Judiciary shall consist of five members, whose duty it shall be to consider all questions in relation to the construction of the Laws of the Order and the decisions of the Grand Master upon questions of law.

SEC. 12. The Committee on Mileage and Per Diem shall consist of five members whose duty it shall be to examine and report the amount each Officer and Representative is entitled to receive for attendance upon the Sessions of the Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE VII.

OF VOTES.

SECTION 1. Each Elective and appointed Officer, except the Grand Master, and each Past Grand Master of this Grand Lodge in good standing shall be entitled to one vote. All questions and votes before the Grand Lodge not in this Constitution otherwise provided for shall be de-

terminated by a majority of the votes given; and when five of the members call for a vote by yeas and nays, or when the same are in this Constitution required to be taken, they shall be so taken and recorded on the Journal.

ARTICLE VIII.

OF REVENUE.

SECTION. 1. The revenue of this Grand Lodge shall be raised for the purpose of defraying the necessary expenses thereof.

SEC. 2. The fee for a charter for a Subordinate Lodge shall be Thirty Dollars, to accompany the application for a charter, Fifteen Dollars for a Degree Charter, and Ten Dollars for a charter for a Rebekah Degree Lodge.

SEC. 3. At each regular Annual Session of the Grand Lodge, the Finance Committee shall submit estimates for the appropriations for the coming year, and shall recommend such assessment per capita upon the membership as may be necessary with other sources of revenue, to meet the estimated expenditures.

SEC. 4. No Lodge under this jurisdiction shall be entitled to have its officers installed, or to receive the Travelling or Term P. W., until the reports to the Grand Lodge shall have been placed in the hands of the Installing Officer and assessments paid.

ARTICLE IX.

OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.

SECTION 1. On the written application of five or more brothers of the Order, who have attained the Scarlet Degree, praying for a charter to open a Lodge, the Grand Lodge may grant the same, and such Lodge shall receive its charter and the necessary charges and instructions from the Grand Master, or the Deputy Grand Master of the District, or by a Past Grand specially deputed. All necessary expenses, if any, of the installing officer, to be borne by the Lodge so opened; Provided, always, that the cards of the petitioners, or a certificate of the deposit thereof with the District Deputy Grand Master of the district, shall accompany the application.

SEC. 2. The Grand Master or his duly commissioned and appointed Deputy may, under such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the Grand Lodge, initiate and confer the three Degrees of the Order for the purpose of instituting a new Lodge in a locality not less than ten miles from any other Lodge, a sufficient number of applicants to constitute such new Lodge, provided such persons shall first make regular application for membership in the Lodge nearest such locality, and upon due reference of such application, examination and report of such com-

mittee, according to the by-laws of such Lodge, the said Lodge shall recommend such persons to membership by the constitutional vote required for the election of members, which vote shall be certified to the Grand Master by the Noble Grand and Secretary of such Lodge, under seal.

SEC. 3. An application as provided in the first section hereof, shall be presented to the Grand Lodge, if in session; if not to the Grand Master through the Grand Secretary, who shall, on receipt thereof, if advisable, have power to issue a Dispensation to open such Lodge, subject to confirmation at the next session of the Grand Lodge, in which case, if confirmed, a regular charter shall be issued.

SEC. 4. At the end of each term, every Subordinate Lodge shall report to the Grand Lodge, on the form supplied for the purpose, the work thereof for such term, which shall include the names of those initiated, admitted by card, as an Ancient Odd Fellow, rejected, withdrawn by card, reinstated, and deceased; the names of those suspended and expelled, with the cause thereof, together with the number of degrees conferred, the whole number in membership, the amount of receipts, and the result of the election of officers, accompanied by whatever amount may be due the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 5. Every Lodge shall report in addition, on the forms supplied for the purpose, up to the first day in January, a full return of members, with their names ranked according to the degrees they have taken, and a statement of the number of brothers relieved, widowed families relieved, and brothers buried, and amount of money applied to each of these purposes, designating the amount paid for the education of orphans, and for current expenses, together with the total value of the assets of the Lodge, also the statistics required by the Sovereign Grand Lodge respecting the property of the Lodge.

ARTICLE X.

OF DEGREE LODGES.

SECTION. 1. Upon the written petition of five or more Past Grands, and five or more Scarlet Degree members of the Order, praying for a warrant to open a Degree Lodge, the Grand Lodge may grant the same; and such Degree Lodge shall receive its charter, and the necessary lectures and instructions in the same manner as is provided for Subordinate Lodges.

SEC. 2. The Grand Master shall have the same power in reference to the approval of applications and issuing of dispensations to open Degree Lodges as in the case of Subordinate Lodges.

SEC. 3. No Degree Lodge shall admit or retain in membership any person who is not at the time a regular contributing member of a Sub-

ordinate Lodge under this jurisdiction, unless his card is in the possession of the Grand Lodge or its officers, as an applicant for a charter.

SEC. 4. Any Degree Lodge shall have power to adopt necessary By-laws, Rules and Regulations for its government, conformable to the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, and to the laws and usages of the Order, and shall be subject to all the laws applying to Subordinate Lodges in the matters of sessions, terms, returns, trials, penalties and forfeiture of Charter in so far as the same may be applicable, except that its terms shall be annual and that it shall not be required to pay per capita tax to the Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE XI.

OF OFFENCES OF SUBORDINATE, REBEKAH OR DEGREE LODGES.

SECTION 1. Whenever any Subordinate, Rebekah or Degree Lodge shall violate the Constitution, By-laws, Rules, or Regulations of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, or of this Grand Lodge, such Lodges shall be liable to a trial and punishment, as herein provided.

SEC. 2. Upon the suspension or expulsion of a Lodge, or surrender or forfeiture of its charter, it shall be the duty of its last installed officers and members, having the custody of the charter, books, papers, property and funds of the Lodge, to assign, transfer and deliver the same, on demand, to the Grand Master, or the District Deputy Grand Master, or to such Past Grand as may be specially deputed by the Grand Master or Grand Lodge to receive the same; and the same shall be held subject to the order of the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 3. All the effects or funds received by the Grand Lodge from any Subordinate, Rebekah or Degree Lodge, under the last section, shall be kept separate and apart from the property or funds of the Grand Lodge, and such funds shall not be estimated as a part of the funds of the Grand Lodge, but shall be held in trust to be restored, should such Lodge be reinstated, or upon the expiration of the period of suspension; Provided, however, that in the event said Lodge should not be restored to fellowship within one year, the funds of said Lodge shall be placed in the Aged Odd Fellows Fund of the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 4. Any Subordinate Lodge failing to hold its meetings for six months, or to make its returns as required by Article IX., of this Constitution, for one year, shall be deemed an extinct Lodge, and its charter shall be forfeited.

SEC. 5. Members of a suspended or expelled Lodge, or of a Lodge whose charter has been surrendered or forfeited, who were in good standing at the time of such suspension or dissolution, or who may have paid all arrearages, then due to the Grand Lodge, shall, upon the recommendation of the District Deputy Grand Master of the district in which

such suspended or extinct Lodge is located, receive from the Grand Secretary a certificate, under the seal of the Grand Lodge, to enable them to make application for admission to membership in any other Lodge; Provided, such members were not implicated in breaking up the Lodge or in any illegal distribution or use of the funds of the same.

SEC. 6. Upon the application to the Grand Lodge of any five or more members of an extinct Lodge which has not been merged into or amalgamated with any other Lodge for the restoration of such Lodge to fellowship, accompanied with satisfactory evidence that a fair opportunity has been given to all who were members in good standing at the time the same became extinct, to unite in such application, such applicants, or such portion thereof as the Grand Lodge may approve of may be restored to fellowship in said lodge, together with the charter and effects belonging to such lodge at the time of its extinction; unless such effects shall have been placed in the aged Odd Fellows fund of the Grand Lodge, as provided by Section 3 of this Article.

ARTICLE XII.

BY-LAWS AND RULES OF ORDER.

SECTION 1. The Grand Lodge may enact, alter or amend such By-laws as may be necessary to carry into effect the provisions of this Constitution, and of regulating the proceedings of its officers, and of committees, and of providing for the safety and security of the funds and property; Provided, at least one day's notice in writing be given at the Annual Session, of such By-law or amendment, and that the same do not in anywise contravene this Constitution.

SEC. 2. The Grand Lodge may, in like manner, make such Rules of Order as may be necessary for the regulation of its sessions, and for securing good order and the dispatch of business. Such Rules of Order may be suspended at any meeting by a two-thirds vote; Provided, that such suspension shall not extend beyond the meeting which voted therefor.

ARTICLE XIII.

AMENDING CONSTITUTION.

SECTION 1. This Constitution shall not be altered or amended except by a proposition therefor, made in writing, signed by three or more representatives from not less than three lodges, and delivered to the Grand Secretary not less than three months prior to the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, and it shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary to forward a copy of all such proposed amendments to all the Subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction at least two weeks before the meeting of the Grand Lodge; such notices shall be presented to the Grand Lodge when in session when, if agreed to by a vote of two-thirds of the legislative members present, it shall be adopted; Provided, it

shall be competent for this Grand Body by a majority vote of its legislative members present at any regular Annual Session to amend any part of this Constitution, to make the same conform to the Laws and Regulations of the Sovereign Grand Lodge. Such propositions to be submitted in writing and to lay over one day before being acted upon.

SEC. 2. All propositions, submitted for the amendment of this Constitution, to receive consideration, must specify the Section or Clause to be amended, with the words to be struck out or inserted, and the Section must be given in full as it would read when so amended.

BY-LAWS

OF THE

Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F.

1. Each Elective and Appointed Officer, the Grand Representatives and the properly accredited Representatives shall receive the sum of \$2.00 (two dollars) per diem for each days attendance at the sessions of the Grand Lodge, and also five cents per mile for each mile actually travelled to and from his place of residence to the place of meeting of the Grand Lodge by the shortest available route, except where transportation cannot be obtained at that rate, when actual transportation expenses by the most practical and cheapest route shall be allowed, provided that this shall have reference to fare only, lodging and board not to be included. Representatives of Lodges located in the place where the Grand Lodge meets shall not be entitled to mileage. The Roll of Officers and Representatives shall be called at each meeting.

2. The Grand Master, before granting a Dispensation, for the institution of a Subordinate Lodge, in a city or town where other lodges exist, shall consult such existing lodges as to the advisability of instituting such lodge, and if a reasonable objection is offered, he shall not grant the Dispensation, but shall refer the Petition to the next Session of the Grand Lodge.

3. All orders for supplies on the Grand Secretary must bear the Seal of the Lodge ordering the same, and must be prepaid, and the Grand Secretary is forbidden to forward the supplies until these conditions are complied with. All goods purchased for supplies to Lodges shall be sold at 25 per cent. above cost. All monies payable or due to this Grand Lodge shall be forwarded to the Grand Secretary in cash, by money order or draft, and shall not be liable to deduction for discount or exchange.

4. The Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer shall furnish Bonds payable to this Grand Lodge in an approved Guarantee Society. in such sums as the Grand Lodge may direct, the premium of such Bonds shall be paid from the funds of this Grand Lodge, and the Bonds shall be deposited with the Grand Master for the time being for safe custody.

5. The Grand Treasurer shall deposit all monies he may have on hand belonging to this Grand Lodge in some Chartered Bank to be approved by the Executive Officers of the Grand Lodge, and all cheques for the withdrawal of such monies shall be countersigned by the Grand Secretary.

6. Every Lodge of this Jurisdiction shall have a suitable seal, and all official communications must bear an impression of it.

7. The number of copies of the Proceedings of this Grand Lodge to be printed shall be decided by the Printing Committee, and they shall be distributed as follows:—Four to each Subordinate Lodge. One to each Rebekah Lodge. One each to the N. G. and V. G. of each Subordinate Lodge. Twenty-four to the Representatives of this Grand Lodge to the Sov. Grand Lodge. One to each of the Officers and Representatives of this Grand Lodge; and to each Subordinate Lodge a number equal to 50 per cent. of its Past Grands in good standing.

8. A Lodge desiring to surrender its Charter and be merged into some other Lodge, shall present to the Grand Lodge, or during recess to the Grand Master, a petition over its seal and the signature of its Noble Grand and Recording Secretary to that effect, showing that the question of merger had been voted upon and approved, after due notice sent each member; and that there are not five qualified members able and willing to retain the Charter and work the Lodge; and giving a statement of the amount of its funds and effects, and of its assets and liabilities. There shall also accompany the petition a certified statement from the Lodge into which the petitioners desire to merge, setting forth its willingness to receive the members and assume the liabilities and responsibilities of the petitioning Lodge, and further certifying that the names of said members have been submitted to an Investigating Committee, have been reported upon, and have been severally approved and accepted by a majority vote by ballot.

On receipt of said petition and resolution, the Grand Lodge, or Grand Master during recess, may grant the prayer of the petition, and authorize the local District Deputy Grand Master, or a Special Deputy, to superintend the proposed merger.

The said petitioning lodge shall, within one month after the granting of its petition, transfer, convey and deliver up to the Lodge in which it proposes to merge, all its assets, funds, furniture, regalia, books, papers and effects, except its Charter and Rituals, which shall be delivered up to the District Deputy Grand Master, or a Special Deputy; and the names of all its members who had been previously balloted for and accepted by the Lodge into which it proposes to merge, shall be at once entered upon the roll of membership of the last mentioned Lodge, which shall thereupon assume all the liabilities and responsibilities of the

said merging Lodge; and the members so received shall have such rank and standing as the books of said merging Lodge will show.

From and after the entry of their names upon the roll, as aforesaid, each and every member whose name shall have been so entered, shall be deemed and taken to be a member of said Lodge, and subject to the same laws and entitled to the same rights, benefits and privileges to the like extent as if he had joined said last mentioned Lodge by card, and as provided in the terms of the preceding clauses of this By-law.

Upon the completion of the mergerment, the District Deputy Grand Master or Special Deputy shall immediately make report thereof to the Grand Master, certifying that he has witnessed the transfer of assets by the one Lodge, and the entry of the names of members on the roll of the other Lodge; and he shall return the Charter and Rituals of the Lodge which has been merged, together with the names and standing of those members who have not entered into the mergerment, if there should be any such; and said members may, upon application to the Grand Secretary, receive a Card, as provided for in the case of members of extinct Lodges.

9. When two or more lodges desire to be united, each lodge shall present a petition to that effect to the Grand Lodge, or during recess, to the Grand Master; such petition shall set forth that the question of union had been affirmatively voted upon after due notice sent each member, and that there were not five members able and willing to retain the Chartar and work the lodge; and shall also give a statement of the funds and effects, and assets and liabilities of the lodge, and a list of members, with their rank and financial standing and P.O. address.

On receipt of said petition the Grand Lodge, or during recess, the Grand Master, may grant the prayer and authorize the amalgamation of the petitioning lodges.

When the union of said petitioning lodges has been approved, the Grand Master shall cause notice to be sent to each unsuspended member of the several lodges at least one week prior to the date fixed for effecting such union, and shall summon him to be present in person at the time and place appointed for that purpose; and shall also notify the officers of the several lodges to produce and surrender at said time and place all the funds, effects, books, papers and Charters of the said lodges.

On the production and surrender of all the said funds, effects, books, papers and Charters, the Grand Master shall issue a dispensation for a lodge to the members of the several lodges present and desiring to be united, and shall, in person or by Deputy, institute the same; and shall transfer to it, as soon as instituted, all the funds, effects, books and papers of the united lodges; and said lodge shall therewith assume

and pay all the liabilities and responsibilities of the several lodges out of which it has been formed, and its members shall have such rank and standing as the books of the uniting lodges shall show.

Any member of any of the uniting lodges who shall fail to be present at the institution of the united lodge may, on application to the Grand Secretary, receive a Withdrawal Card, as provided for members of extinct lodges, and should he apply for admission by such card to the united lodge within six months from the date of its institution, the vote necessary for his election to membership shall be a majority vote by ballot of those present and voting.

10 No Lodge of this Jurisdiction shall be entitled to representation at the Sessions of this Grand Lodge if the Per Capita Tax and Reports due from it have not been received by the Grand Secretary at the time of the meeting of the Grand Lodge.

11. The Grand Secretary shall on the 1st day of January, April, July and October, prepare an abstract of the names of persons rejected, suspended, and expelled, that have been furnished him by the Subordinate Lodges in the preceding three months, and shall forward a copy of the same to each Subordinate Lodge in this Jurisdiction.

RULES OF ORDER.

1—ORDER OF BUSINESS.

The Order of Business of the Annual Session, shall be:

FIRST DAY.

1st. The Grand Master shall request the members to clothe themselves in proper regalia, and direct the officers to take their respective stations, and fill vacancies pro tem, and shall then, after all have been examined, call up the Grand Lodge.

2nd. While standing, the Grand Chaplain shall address the Supreme Ruler of the Universe in prayer.

3rd. Proclamation shall be made by the Deputy Grand Master of the opening of the Grand Lodge.

4th. The Grand Secretary shall present, and read, if required, the credentials of members.

5th. The Committee on Credentials shall forthwith examine and report on the eligibility of members.

6th. New members of the Grand Lodge shall be admitted.

7th. Roll of Officers and Representatives shall be called.

8th. The record of all Special Sessions shall be read and passed upon by the Grand Lodge.

9th. Vacancies in committees and among the appointed officers, shall be filled.

10th. The reports of the Grand Officers shall be presented.

11th. Petitions, Communications, Appeals, and Financial Accounts, shall be presented, and referred in the order above mentioned.

12th. Miscellaneous business, and nomination and election of officers.

SECOND DAY.

13th. Reading and approval of Minutes of preceding day.

14th. Reception and reference of Credentials, reports thereon, admission of new members, and roll call.

15th. Resolutions of inquiry of Standing or Special Committees.

16th. Reports of Standing Committees; in the order in which they are named in the Constitution.

17th. Reports of Special Committees by seniority.

18th. Consideration of proposed amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge.

19th. Consideration of proposed amendments to the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges.

20th. Petitions, Communications, Appeals and Financial Accounts, presented and referred.

21st. Unfinished business.

22nd. New business.

THIRD DAY.

23rd. Reading and approving Minutes of preceding day.

24th. Reception and reference of Credentials, reports thereon, admission of new members, and roll call.

25th. Reports of Standing and Special Committees.

26th. Additional business in the same order as on second day.

27th. Miscellaneous business.

28th. Should the foregoing order of business not be concluded on the first or second day, it shall be commenced on each succeeding day where it left off on the preceding; except that the reading and approval of minutes, and reception, reference, reports on credentials of members, and roll call, shall be the first business in order on each day, and that the nomination and election of officers shall be the last business on the first day of the session.

29th. On the last day of the session, the officers shall be installed, and committees appointed, before it shall be declared closed; the minutes of the day shall be read and approved, if correct.

II.—OF DECORUM.

During the continuance of the meeting, the most decorous silence must be observed; the officers and members retaining their respective seats, and no one leaving the room without the permission of the Grand Master, nor entering without the consent of the Grand Warden.

No member shall, by conversation or otherwise, interrupt the business of the Grand Lodge, or refuse to obey the chair. Every officer and member shall be designated in debate, or otherwise, by his proper office or title, according to his standing in the Order.

No member shall be permitted to vote or speak, unless clothed in regalia, or wearing a badge or ribbon appropriate to his rank and station.

III.—OF THE CHAIR.

The Grand Master, while presiding, shall state every question coming before the Grand Lodge, and immediately before putting it to vote shall ask, "Is the Grand Lodge ready for the question?" Should no member rise to speak, and a majority indicate their readiness, he shall rise to take the question; and after he has risen, no member shall be permitted to speak upon it. He shall pronounce the votes and decisions of the Grand Lodge on all subjects. He shall decide questions of order without debate, unless entertaining doubts on the point he invite it, and shall have the privilege of speaking only on such questions from the chair. When his decision has been appealed from, the question shall be put thus: "Will the Grand Lodge sustain the Chair in its decision?"

IV.—OF DEBATE.

Every member when he speaks or offers a motion, shall rise and respectfully address the Chair. While speaking he shall confine himself to the question under debate, avoiding all personality and indecorous language, as well as any reflection upon the Grand Lodge, or its members.

Should two or more members rise to speak at the same time, the Chair shall decide which shall be entitled to the floor.

No member shall disturb another in his speech, unless to call him to order for words spoken.

If a member while speaking, shall be called to order, at the request of the Chair, he shall cease speaking, and take his seat until the question of order is determined, when, if permitted, he may again proceed.

No member shall speak more than once upon the same question, until all the members wishing to speak shall have had an opportunity to do so, nor more than twice, without permission of the Chair. But no member shall have the privilege of speaking more than once on a question of order, after appeal from the decision of the Chair.

V.—OF QUESTIONS AND VOTES.

When any communication, petition or memorial is presented, before it is read, or any vote taken on it, a brief statement of its contents shall be made by the introducer or the Chair, and after it has been read, a brief notice of the purport shall be entered on the Journal.

No motion shall be subject to action until seconded and stated by the Chair, and at the desire of any member, shall be reduced to writing.

When a blank is to be filled, the question shall be taken first upon the highest sum or number, and the longest or latest time proposed.

Any member may call for a division of a question, when the sense will admit of it.

When a question is before the Grand Lodge no motion shall be received, unless to adjourn, the previous question, to lie on the table, to postpone indefinitely, to postpone to a certain time, to refer or to amend, and shall have precedence in the order herein arranged; the three first of which shall be decided without debate.

After any question, except one of indefinite postponement, has been decided, any two members who voted in the majority, may, during the same communication, move for a reconsideration thereof.

The previous question can be called for by two members, if seconded by a majority, and shall be put in this form: "Shall the main question be now put?" If carried, all debate shall cease, and the vote shall be first upon all pending amendments, beginning with the one last proposed, after which, upon the main question.

When five members rise in favor of taking a question by ayes and nays, they shall be ordered to be so recorded.

Every member present shall vote on any question before Grand Lodge, unless he is personally interested in the result, or be excused by the Grand Lodge, or is otherwise incapacitated.

No more than two amendments to a proposition shall be entertained at the same time—that is, an amendment, and an amendment to an amendment—and the question shall be first taken on the latter.

When the ayes and nays are ordered, the names of the representatives shall be called by the Lodges.

Past Grands, not representatives, have no right to vote upon any question before the Grand Lodge; that right is confined to those whose credentials as Representatives are reported correct by the Committee on Credentials, Elective and Appointed Officers and Past Grand Masters of this jurisdiction in good standing.

All unimportant questions and answers reported upon by the committee on the State of the Order, are to be entered on the secret Journal.

After a substitute has been accepted by the Grand Lodge, in place of the report of a committee, further action on the report would be out of order, without first reconsidering the vote by which the substitute was adopted.

When a substitute is adopted in place of an amendment, it is not necessary to take action on the amendment.

All resolutions laid on the table, and not acted upon before the close of the session of the Grand Lodge at which they were presented, expire with the session, and would have to be renewed at any subsequent session, before any action could be had thereon.

CONSTITUTION

—OF—

SUBORDINATE LODGES.

PREAMBLE.

For the purpose of effecting uniformity in the administration of the privileges, honors and benefits of Oddfellowship within this jurisdiction, the GRAND LODGE OF THE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS OF THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA ordains the following Constitution of Subordinate Lodges under its jurisdiction.

ARTICLE I.

NAME, ETC.

SECTION 1. This Lodge shall consist of at least five members of the Third Degree, including one qualified to preside at its meetings, to be hailed and entitled [Name and Number of Lodge,] Independent Order of Odd Fellows, holding a legal and unreclaimed charter, granted or sanctioned by the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of the Province of British Columbia. It cannot voluntarily surrender its charter, or dissolve, so long as five brothers in good standing object thereto.

ARTICLE II.

OF MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION 1. All candidates for initiation must be free white males, of the age of twenty-one years and upwards, of sound health, of good moral character and industrious habits, having some known reputable means of support, and believe in the existence of a Supreme Being, the Creator and Preserver of the Universe, and is not a saloonkeeper, a bartender, or a professional gambler, and be proposed in the lodge nearest his residence, except that lodge grant permission for his joining another lodge; Provided, that application for membership may be made to any lodge nearest the residence of the applicant, in the same district. A person may be admitted to any lodge in the city or village in which he resides; but all candidates for initiation must reside in this jurisdiction, except such candidates as may apply from any other Province, State or Territories, where there is no Grand Lodge or District Deputy Grand Sire located, or permission be first obtained from the officers of the jurisdiction in which the candidate resides.

SEC. 2. All candidates for membership by deposit of card, or certificate of dismissal, or as Ancient Odd Fellows, whose cards or certificates of dismissal have been granted more than twelve months, shall deposit their cards or certificates with their proposition, or furnish satisfactory evidence that such card or certificate has been lost. In the case of the application of a brother who, within six months previous to such application, has been a member of a lodge which has merged into or united with this lodge, the vote necessary to receive shall be a majority vote.

SEC. 3. No suspended or expelled member of the Order can be admitted to membership in this lodge, except on a dismissal certificate, or on being reinstated, and receiving a withdrawal card from the lodge which suspended or expelled him, or from the Grand Secretary, as prescribed by law, and this lodge shall not admit to membership any member of an expelled lodge without permission of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

SEC. 4. A non-affiliated Odd Fellow who has been regularly initiated in the Order, and who at the time of making application for reinstatement to membership shall be over 50 years of age, may be admitted to membership in this lodge as a non-beneficial member, upon such terms as the by-laws may prescribe, by presenting a petition as required under Section 1, Article III, for proposals for membership by initiation, which shall be disposed of according to said section.

The membership of a brother admitted by deposit of card, or as a non-affiliate, shall date from the time of his signing the Constitution and By-laws of the lodge he joins.

SEC. 5. When an application for membership is received from a person residing nearer to another lodge than to the one to which the application is made, the lodge receiving such application shall communicate the fact to the lodge nearest the residence of such applicant, and shall enquire whether such person is a fit and proper person to be admitted into our Order, and if in the same district, shall also ask the consent of such lodge to receive and act upon such application; and it shall take no further action upon such application until an answer is received to such communication. The lodge receiving such communication shall appoint a committee of three to investigate the character, standing and health of the petitioner, in the same manner as if the application were made directly to such lodge. Such committee shall report at the next regular meeting of the lodge, and a certified copy of the report, together with a certified copy of the minutes showing the action of the lodge upon the request for consent to receive and act upon the application (if such consent was necessary) shall be forthwith forwarded to the lodge in which such application is filed, and said last named lodge may then proceed upon such application as in other cases, except that, if it be a case where the consent of the other lodge is

necessary, and that consent be refused, the petitioner's money (if any has been paid) shall be returned, and no further action shall be had in the premises

SEC. 6. Every applicant for membership must furnish a certificate of good health from a qualified medical practitioner before being balloted for.

ARTICLE III.

OF PROPOSITIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION 1. The name of a person offered for membership, with his age, residence and occupation, must be proposed by a member in writing, signed by the applicant with the names of two persons as references attached and entered upon the record; and forthwith be referred to a committee of three members for investigation, who shall report at the next succeeding regular meeting, (unless extraordinary circumstances prevent), when the candidate may be balloted for with ball ballots, and, if no more than two black balls appear, the candidate shall be declared elected; but if three or more appear, he shall be deemed rejected.

SEC. 2. No reconsideration of an unfavorable ballot can be had unless all the brothers who may cast black balls against an applicant for membership voluntarily make a motion for a reconsideration of the ballot at the same meeting, and never more than one motion for the reconsideration in the same case shall be allowed; and in such case the vote on the reconsideration shall be taken by ball ballots, and if the balls cast be in favor of it, the reconsideration shall be had; whereupon the application shall lie over until the succeeding meeting, when another ballot shall be had with ball ballots, and if the same be unanimously in favor of the applicant, he shall thereby be elected; but if one or more black balls appear in either ballot, the applicant shall be rejected. A favorable ballot can be reconsidered at any meeting prior to the admission of the candidate, provided a majority of the members present agree thereto.

SEC. 3. If it is alleged that an error has been made in depositing black balls at the balloting for a candidate for membership, the Lodge may immediately thereafter take a second ballot in order to verify the alleged error.

SEC. 4. Every member shall sign the Constitution and By-laws of this Lodge on his admission thereto.

SEC. 5. When a candidate for initiation has been rejected, notice thereof shall be sent without delay to the Grand Secretary, and he cannot be proposed again in any Lodge for the space of one year after such rejection. All other applications for membership may be renewed at any time.

SEC. 6. A proposition can be withdrawn after being referred to a committee, and before the report of the committee has been read to the Lodge, but not afterwards.

SEC. 7. If any person shall gain admittance to any Lodge upon a petition containing any false representations, he shall be expelled.

ARTICLE IV.

OF FEES, DUES AND BENEFITS.

SECTION 1. The fees of this Lodge shall not be less than ten dollars for initiation; five dollars for admission by card; ten dollars for an Ancient Odd Fellow; three dollars each for first and second degree, and four dollars for the third degree to the Lodge Fund, and such amount of dues to the Lodge Fund as shall be determined by the By-laws, which shall in no case be less than \$12 per year, in addition to which the Lodge may, by its By-laws, provide for a Widows', Orphans' and Education Fund, and Nurse and Funeral Tax, and for extraordinary assessments for Lodge purposes. Lodges may make provision in their By-laws to set aside 5 per cent. of their receipts from Dues to form a Contingent Fund to be used for the legitimate objects of the Order.

SEC. 2. Every member qualified, as required by the By-laws of his Lodge shall in case of being disabled by sickness or bodily accident (not occasioned by drunkenness or other immoral conduct on his part) from following any occupation, or otherwise earning a livelihood, be entitled to and may receive such weekly benefits as may be fixed by By-law, from the funds of the Lodge: Provided always, that such benefits shall not exceed the rate of ten dollars per week for each dollar of monthly contribution, and provided always, that no Lodge shall continue to pay the above rate of benefits for a longer period than six months continuous sickness, after which time it shall not exceed the sum of seven dollars and fifty cents for each dollar of monthly contribution, and further that after the expiration of twelve months continuous sickness no lodge shall pay greater benefits than at the rate of five dollars per week for each dollar of monthly contribution. For members not having the Scarlet Degree the benefits shall not exceed the rate of six dollars per week for the first six months, four dollars and fifty cents per week for the next six months and after which three dollars per week during term of sickness, for each dollar of monthly contribution. No Lodge shall pay less than two dollars per week as sick benefits for the first twelve months continuous sickness, nor after that period shall sick benefits be reduced to less than one dollar per week.

Lodges may provide by By-law that no benefits shall be paid to members for the first one week or two weeks sickness, nor to any but Scarlet Degree members.

In all cases where a sick member has received benefits and by reason of the recovery of his health ceased to be entitled to benefits, if he fall sick again within six months from the date of his ceasing to receive benefits, such sickness shall be considered as a continuation of his previous sickness, and he shall be placed in the same position as when he ceased to receive benefits, but if six months shall have elapsed from the date of his restoration and he fall sick he shall be entitled to receive full benefits.

SEC. 3. All fines and assessments of any nature shall, at the end of each term. (June 30th and December 31st respectively,) be charged as dues against a Brother.

SEC. 4. When any member's account shows an indebtedness of thirteen weeks dues, the brother shall not be entitled to benefits, and the Secretary shall notify the brother of the fact without delay.

SEC. 5. In case of the death of a member, qualified as required by the by-laws of his lodge, there shall be allowed from the lodge not less than thirty dollars to defray the expenses of the burial, to be paid by the N. G. on account of the funeral. In the absence of competent relations, the N. G. shall take charge of the funeral, and render an account of the disbursements.

SEC. 6. The funeral expenses and sick benefits shall be regulated by the by-laws of the lodge, and all orders drawn for the above shall be by vote of the lodge.

SEC. 7. Lodges may provide by By-Law to employ a Physician to attend members in good standing when sick, and pay a stipulated sum per annum for such services out of the funds.

SEC. 8. Lodges may by By-Law fix the time after admission at which a member shall become entitled to benefits, but a member admitted on an unexpired Withdrawal Card shall be entitled to benefits upon his admission to membership after signing the Constitution and By-Laws.

ARTICLE V.

OF DEGREES.

SECTION 1. A member who has been in membership one week, may make application for election to any or all of the three subordinate Degrees, which application shall be accompanied with the amount required therefor, and be presented to the lodge, when open in that order of business, when the lodge shall ballot upon the application, and if not more than two black balls be cast he shall be declared elected, if he be rejected no application shall be again received from him within three months thereafter. The lodge may ballot for the three Degrees at one time when under that Order of Business, or under the Order of New Business, but shall not confer more than one Degree on a member at the same meeting,

except in case of emergency, when by a two thirds vote of all the members present, the three Degrees may be conferred to the same evening.

Each lodge shall confer the Degrees on its members except in case of absence from the city, in which case the Brother shall be furnished with a certificate under seal, signed by the N. G., and attested by the Secretary, authorizing another lodge to confer the same, providing the same is done without charge.

SEC. 2. All business other than conferring the degrees shall be conducted in the Third Degree.

ARTICLE VI.

OF OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The elective officers of this lodge shall consist of a N. G., V. G., Secretary and Treasurer, who shall serve a regular term each, and the Lodge may elect a Permanent Secretary for the same time; or for one year, to take charge of the accounts between the lodge and its members.

SEC. 2. The appointed officers shall consist of a W. Conductor, O. G., I. G., R. S. to N. G., L. S. to N. G., R. S. to V. G., L. S. to V. G., and R. and L. S. S., who shall each serve a regular term; and the lodge may also appoint a Chaplain for a regular term.

SEC. 3. No member shall be installed as N. G. unless he has served a term as V. G., or the last of a term to fill a vacancy, nor as V. G., unless he has served a term in an inferior office, other than Trustee. Service in office, whether elected or appointed, is qualifying in any other lodge as well as in this lodge, providing a brother has a certificate to that effect under seal of a lodge in good standing; Provided, that any Third Degree member, may be elected, if all qualified brothers refuse to serve, and a dispensation being granted by the Grand Master, previous to election.

SEC. 4. All elective officers, warden, Outside Guardian and Inside Guardian, shall be clear of all pecuniary charges on the books, and have attained the Third Degree previous to installation, and all elective officers shall be eligible for re-election.

SEC. 5. Nominations for elective officers shall be made only on the two meetings immediately preceding that of the regular election, except when the nominees for an office all decline.

SEC. 6. Officers shall be elected at the last regular meeting in May and November of each year, and be installed at the first regular meeting in the new term: Provided, the installing officer be present; if absent, the lodge may, by vote, defer it for one week, or call a special meeting for the purpose, at the request of the District Deputy Grand Master.

No member shall be elected to fill more than one elective office at the same time, except the Recording Secretary who may also act as Permanent Secretary.

SEC. 7. Any officer absenting himself from the lodge for three successive meetings, except in case of sickness, or any officer, for misconduct or neglect as such, may be removed by a vote of two-thirds of the members voting at the next meeting, after a resolution therefor has been offered in the lodge.

SEC. 8. Vacancies in any elective office may be filled by the lodge, by nomination and election, at the next regular meeting after nomination; and until so filled the N. G. shall appoint a member to the office *pro tem*.

SEC. 9. The duties of the various officers shall be as laid down in the charges of office and as specified by this Constitution and the By-laws of the lodge.

SEC. 10. The N. G., or officer acting as such, shall appoint the majority, and the V. G., or officer acting as such, the minority of all committees on candidates.

SEC. 11. The lodge, at the first regular meeting in May, in each year, shall elect one representative to the Grand Lodge for its members of fifty or under; also one representative for every fifty members over and above first said number of fifty members in good standing, as shown by its report on the 31st day of December of the previous year. Each Lodge shall at the same time elect one alternate for each representative elected, and in case a representative shall be unable to attend the session of the Grand Lodge, then the alternate receiving the highest number of votes may attend in his place and have all the powers and privileges of a representative.

ARTICLE VII.

OF PENALTIES AND TRIALS.

SECTION 1—Clause 1. Any member neglecting or refusing to make payment of his dues or demands against him to the Lodge, according to its By-laws, for the space of eleven months, shall be notified by the Lodge in writing of the state of his account; and if after one month his account still remains unsettled, he may be suspended from membership; Provided that no person shall be so suspended until after the fact of his dues being in arrears and unpaid for twelve months shall have been announced in open Lodge at two regular meetings; and provided further that no person shall cease to be a member, under this section, whilst charges are pending against him; Provided that in case of absence of a brother at a distance of fifty miles from his Lodge, two months additional time shall be allowed him to pay his indebtedness.

CLAUSe 2. Any member suspended from membership for non-payment of dues, may be reinstated in the Lodge from which he was suspended within one year thereafter, by paying the amount of one year's dues and by receiving a vote of two-thirds of the members present, the vote being taken by ball or paper ballots—a motion to that effect having been laid over one week; but after one year he may be reinstated upon the payment of the fee charged for an initiate of the same age, as provided by the By-laws, or such lesser sums as may be fixed by the By-laws of the Lodge to which such application is made; Provided, such sum be not less than the amount of one year's dues of the said Lodge; and he shall petition the Lodge in writing to be reinstated, which shall be disposed of, in all respects, as provided for in Article 114, Section 1, for petitions for membership by initiation. A member who has been suspended from membership for non-payment of dues and has been reinstated shall not be entitled to benefits for six months from the date of reinstatement.

CLAUSe 3. A member suspended from membership for non-payment of dues, and who makes application for reinstatement and for a Withdrawal Card for the purpose of uniting with another Lodge in this jurisdiction, may be reinstated and granted a Withdrawal Card at any time within five years from the date of suspension, upon the payment of one year's dues, and the usual price of a card.

CLAUSe 4. A member after being suspended in this jurisdiction for non-payment of dues for the space of five years, wishing to join a Lodge in this jurisdiction, shall be entitled to receive, and the Lodge shall grant him, upon proper application, a dismissal certificate, upon the receipt of one dollar.

CLAUSe 5. A member suspended from membership in this jurisdiction for non-payment of dues, wishing to regain membership in another jurisdiction, shall, upon proper application, be entitled to receive from the Lodge from which he was so suspended, a dismissal certificate, upon the payment to said Lodge of one dollar.

CLAUSe 6. In all cases when a member has been suspended for non-payment of dues, and his Lodge has refused to reinstate him, he shall, upon a proper application, be entitled to receive, and the Lodge shall grant a dismissal certificate, upon the receipt therefor of one dollar.

CLAUSe 7. Dismissal certificates may be received from the holders thereof on application for membership in Subordinate Lodges, in the same manner, and with the same effect as Withdrawal Cards; and applications made on such certificates shall be received and acted on in like manner as upon Withdrawal Cards; but the holders of such certificates shall in no case be allowed to visit thereon.

CLAUSe 8. The certificates named in this section shall be only

those provided by the Grand Secretary of the Sovereign Grand Lodge. All applications for Withdrawal Cards or Dismissal Certificates must be made in writing over the signature of the brother applying for the same.

SEC. 2. Any member who shall violate any of the principles of the Order, or offend against the Constitution, By-laws, or rules of Order of this Lodge, shall be fined, reprimanded, suspended, or expelled, as the By-laws may direct, or the Lodge determine. But he shall be entitled to a fair trial in accordance with the following Code of Procedure.

SEC. 3. No officer shall preside when his trial is taking place in the Lodge.

SEC. 4. All suspensions (as a means of punishment) must be for a definite period, not exceeding one year. At the end of the term of punishment, the brother shall return to his rank in the Lodge without further action. A brother who has been legally expelled, shall not be again admitted to membership without the consent of the Grand Master.

SEC. 5. All trials arising under the provisions of this Article shall be conducted substantially according to the following

CODE OF PROCEDURE.

SECTION 1.

Rule. 1.—All charges against members of the Order in this jurisdiction made pursuance to the provisions of Article VII of this Constitution shall be drawn in the manner prescribed in Form 1, Section V., of this Code, and be signed by a member in good standing. The general charge shall be an averment of "Conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow," followed by a specification or specifications stating the time, place and circumstances of the offence; and each offence shall be the subject of a separate specification.

Rule 2.—The charges and specifications shall be presented and read to the lodge at a regular session, when open in the Order of "New Business," and shall be entered in full on the records.

Rule 3.—The lodge shall, immediately after the reading of the charge, if the accused brother be present, proceed to the choice, by ballot, of a Committee of Trial, consisting of five, who must, if possible, have the same or a higher degree than that attained by the accused. Any member nominated as one of the Committee of Trial may be challenged for cause by the accuser, accused, or any member of the lodge, in which case the lodge shall proceed to the election of the members against whom no challenge has been made. The grounds of challenge or challenges shall then be stated, when the vote shall be taken, and if

two-thirds of those voting shall vote in favor of the challenged brother, he shall be declared elected. Should such brother fail to be elected new nominations must be made and proceedings had until the committee is filled. Should the accused brother be absent the choice of the committee shall be postponed for two weeks, and the Secretary of the lodge shall notify the absent brother of the fact that charges have been preferred against him, and of the time when the committee is to be appointed; and should the brother fail to appear at the time aforesaid, he shall be deemed to have waived his right of challenge, and the lodge shall proceed to the choice of the committee as herein provided.

Rule 4. The Secretary shall make a copy of the charge and specifications, affix thereto the seal of the Lodge, and certify it substantially according to Form 2, Section V of the Code, and serve or cause the same to be served upon the accused. He shall also certify, under seal, the original charge and specifications; and deliver the same to the first named member of the committee according to Form 3, Section V of the Code, and shall notify each member thereof of his appointment, according to Form 4, Section V.

Rule 5. The first named member of said committee shall, within one week after receiving notice of his appointment, call a meeting of the committee for organization, when a chairman and secretary shall be elected, and a suitable time and place be appointed for an adjourned meeting which shall not be held in less than two weeks, at which the accuser and accused shall be notified to appear and proceed with the trial. The notice shall be in accordance with Form 5, Section V of this Code, and must be served upon the parties personally, if they can be found, otherwise by leaving the same at their last known place of residence, if in the town or city where the lodge is located, at least one week prior to the time of the trial. If the accused resides out of town, the notice shall be directed to his last known place or residence and left at the post office, and if the brother so notified shall not appear at the time specified, or offer satisfactory reasons therefor, the committee shall proceed as if he were present, or they may report by resolution, to expel the member so refusing to appear, for contempt of the lodge.

Rule 6.—At the time specified for the trial, the accuser and accused being present and answering, the charge and specifications shall be read, and the accused be required to make answer to each specification contained in the charge. Should the accused object to a specification on the ground of indefiniteness, the accuser shall have leave to amend, provided such amendment be made immediately. the accused may then plead to each specification either of the following answers.

1. That the alleged offence is not within the legal jurisdiction of the Lodge.
2. That the complaint contained in the specification is volous.

3. Admit the facts stated and justify the alleged offence.
4. Guilty.
5. Not guilty.

Rule 7.—The report of the committee shall state the findings on each specification and on the charge, according to Form 6, Section V, of the Code, and shall be accompanied by an accurate record of their proceedings, rulings and decisions, together with the evidence taken during the trial, and a resolution or resolutions for adoption by the Lodge, which shall be submitted to the Lodge within one month after the case has been submitted to them. Should there be a minority report, it shall be drawn and presented in a similar manner.

Rule 8.—The report of the committee shall be received and entered in full in the records, without discussion, and laid over for action at the second regular session thereafter. The Secretary shall immediately transmit to the accuser and accused a copy of the report or reports, and also notify them of the time when the same will be acted upon, in the manner prescribed in Rule 5. At the time fixed upon to consider the report the Lodge may proceed to consider and determine the matter, whether the accused brother be present or not, and in all cases involving the suspension or expulsion of a member, it shall require a vote of two-thirds of the members present to adopt the resolution, the vote to be taken by ball or paper ballot, and the Lodge shall be fully competent, while such motion is under consideration, to vary the penalty from the original motion. Either party may object to any of the rulings and decisions of the committee, when the Lodge shall take up the report for consideration.

Rule 9.—At the regular meeting of the Lodge two weeks after the report of the committee, the case shall be taken up; the findings, rulings and resolution of the committee read and considered, and all testimony, if any, bearing thereon; and the lodge shall, by vote, adopt or reject the resolutions which may be submitted by the committee, subject to the provisions of Rule 8.

Rule 10.—When the lodge shall have taken final action as aforesaid, the Secretary shall at once give notice thereof, under seal, to the party against whom the decision is rendered, by delivering the same to him personally, or by leaving it at his last known place of residence, or forwarding to him by mail, from which decision he may appeal to the Grand Lodge of British Columbia within two weeks after the service of such notice, by filing with the Secretary a written notice of such appeal and the grounds thereof, according to Form 7, Section V of the Code, and also by serving a notice of appeal upon the Grand Secretary, according to Form 8, Section V.

SECTION II.—RULES GOVERNING COMMITTEES.

Rule 1.—Three members of a Committee of Trial shall constitute a quorum and be competent to proceed with the preliminary trial. All questions requiring a decision of the committee shall be determined by a majority of those present.

Rule 2.—When the accuser or accused shall notify the chairman of the Committee of Trial in writing that he requires the presence of a member of the Order as a witness, the chairman shall endorse such notice, stating the time and place of meeting, and transmit it to the Noble Grand of the lodge of which such witness is a member, who shall immediately cause the member (or members) named, to be summoned to attend as a witness according to Form 9, Section V of the Code.

Rule 3.—The committee shall keep correct minutes of the proceedings which must show :

1. The date and place of each meeting, and the parties present.
2. The charges and specifications and answers or pleas of the accused.
3. All points raised and the decisions thereon.
4. The exceptions taken by either party.
5. Parol evidence in full, subscribed by the witness.
6. Documentary evidence distinctly marked.
7. Decisions of the committee upon each specification and charge.

Rule 4.—The report must be signed by at least three members of the committee.

SECTION III.—EVIDENCE AND WITNESSES.

Rule 1.—The evidence competent to be admitted before the Committee of Trial shall be: 1, Testimony of witnesses, who shall appear before the committee; 2, Depositions; 3, Records of Lodge; 4, Documentary evidence, etc. The committee shall determine the admissibility of the evidence offered, subject to exceptions by either party; the exceptions so taken shall be entered by the committee upon its minutes.

Rule 2.—After the direct and cross examination of a witness has been concluded, the witness shall not be further examined or recalled except to explain evidence given on his original examination, or by consent of the opposing party.

Rule 3.—Extracts from the records of a lodge shall be authenticated by the Secretary, under seal. No lodge shall be allowed to challenge its records, or extracts taken therefrom, when duly authenticated.

Rule 4.—Members of the Order shall qualify under their obligations as Odd Fellows, according to Form 12, Section V, of the Code; witnesses, not members, shall be qualified by some civil officer authorized to administer oaths.

Rule 5.—Depositions of absent witnesses shall be procured in the manner prescribed by the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F., Journal of 1857, pp. 2738, 2774; Journal of 1858, pp. 2909, 2926.

Rule 6.—The attendance of a person as a witness who is not a member of the Order, must be procured by the party desiring him.

Rule 7.—After the evidence for the accused shall have been put in, the prosecution may introduce testimony in rebuttal of the witnesses for the defence, but for no other purpose.

SECTION IV.—APPEALS.

Rule 1.—All appeals by Subordinate Lodges, or their members, shall be presented within twenty days from the action of the Lodge appealed from, with all papers properly certified, to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia; and no appeal will be considered unless such course is taken.

Rule 2.—The Lodge shall, within twenty days after the reception of a notice of appeal to the Grand Lodge, through its Secretary, deliver to the Grand Secretary, under seal, a certified copy of the charge, minutes of the Committee of Trial, and also of the records of the lodge relating to the subject matter of the appeal; and the original testimony taken at the trial, according to Form 10, Section V, of the Code.

Rule 3.—Should the lodge fail to make the above return, the Grand Secretary shall notify the lodge of such failure, and direct the return to be made within ten days from the receipt of the notice according to Form 11, Section V, of the Code, and if default be made, he shall report, the lodge to the Grand Master as insubordinate.

Rule 4. The Grand Secretary shall at the time required by law present the appeal, together with all the papers in the case received by him, to the Chairman of the Committee on Appeals of the Grand Lodge.

Rule 5.—When an appeal shall finally be decided by the Grand Lodge, the Grand Secretary shall, within one month, after such decision, notify the Lodge and the appellant thereof. The record in appeals from a Subordinate Lodge need not be printed.

SECTION V.

FORM 1.—CHARGE AND SPECIFICATIONS.

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To.....Lodge, No.....I. O. O. F.

The undersigned, a member of.....Lodge, No.....I. O. O. F.,
does hereby charge Brotherof said Lodge, with Conduct Un-
becoming an Odd Fellow, and the grounds of this charge are more par-
ticularly set forth in the following specifications, to wit;

Specification First—The above named.....in violation of
the laws of the Order, did on or about the day of
18....(here state the offence, place and other circumstances, and con-
tinue with specification second, etc., as provided in Rule 1, Section 1.)

Fraternally submitted,

(Signed).....

FORM 2.—NOTICE TO THE ACCUSED.

.....Lodge, No....., I. O. O. F.

18....

Brother

Enclosed in this notice I transmit a copy of charge and specifica-
tions preferred against you by.....of.....Lodge, No
The same were referred to a Committee of Trial, consisting of (give
names) The officers of said committee will notify you of the time and
place to appear for answer. Fraternaly,

[SEAL]

.....Secretary

FORM 3.—NOTICE TO TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE TO TRY
CHARGES.

.....Lodge, No.....I. O. O. F.

18....

Brother

The members named below were this evening appointed a Commit-
tee of Trial on the charge and specifications preferred by.....
against.....As the temporary chairman of such committee,
you will, within one week after receiving this notice, call a meeting of
said committee for organization. The committee consists of Brothers
(give names) Fraternaly,

[SEAL.]

.....Secretary.

FORM 4.—NOTICE TO MEMBERS OF COMMITTEES.

.....Lodge, No...., I. O. O. F.,
18....
 Brother.....

You were this evening appointed as one of the Committee of Trial on the charge and specifications preferred by..... against Brother..... the temporary chairman of the committee will notify you of the time and place of the meeting of the committee for organization. Fraternally,.....

[SEAL.] Secretary.

FORM 5.—NOTICE TO ACCUSER AND ACCUSED TO ATTEND MEETING OF COMMITTEE.

.....18....
 Brother.....

The Committee of Trial on the charge and specifications preferred by..... against..... will meet (give time and place), to hear and decide the case. You are hereby notified to be present and (sustain or defend) the same. Fraternally,

.....Chairman.
Secretary.

FORM 6.—REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF TRIAL.

.....18....
 To.....Lodge, No...., I. O. O. F.

The undersigned, a (majority or minority) of the committee to investigate the charge and specifications preferred by..... against respectfully report: That after hearing the parties, they find (state finding on each specification and the charge, as required by Rule 7, Section I.) The minutes of the doings of the committee, a copy of the evidence taken, and papers pertaining to the trial, are herewith placed in the custody of the Secretary of the Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

(Signed by Committee.)

FORM 7.—NOTICE OF APPEAL TO THE GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

To.....Lodge, No...., I. O. O. F.

The undersigned hereby gives notice that he appeals to the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F., from the action of the Lodge in the matter of Charge and Specifications preferred by..... against This appeal is taken on the ground of (here state the grounds of the appeal.)

Fraternally,

(Signed.)

FORM 8.—APPEAL TO THE GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F.:

The undersigned, a member of.....Lodge, No....., respectfully appeals to your Grand Body from the action of said Lodge (state the action from which the appeal is taken and the grounds upon which it rests). Your appellant asks that you will reverse said action or grant such other relief as you may deem the merits of the case demand.

Fraternally,

(Signature and residence).....

FORM 9.—NOTICE TO ATTEND AS WITNESS.

.....Lodge, No....., I. O. O. F.

.....18....

Brother.....

You are hereby notified to attend as witness before the Committee of Trial on the charge and specifications, preferred by..... against.....(state the time and place.) By order of the Noble Grand.

Fraternally,

{SEAL.]

.....Secretary.

FORM 10.—CERTIFICATE ACCOMPANYING RETURN OF LODGE UNDER RULE 1, SECTION IV.

.....Lodge, No....., I. O. O. F.

.....18....

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia of the I. O. O. F.:

Enclosed you will receive the return of this Lodge in the matter of the appeal of.....to your Grand Body, required by Rule 1, Section IV. I hereby certify that the same embraces correct copies of all the minutes and papers relating to the case, in my possession, or in possession of the Lodge, and also the original testimony taken at the trial.

Fraternally,

{SEAL.]

.....Secretary.

FORM 11.—NOTICE OF GRAND SECRETARY TO LODGE, UNDER RULE 3, SECTION IV.

Grand Lodge of British Columbia of the I. O. O. F.

Office of the Grand Secretary,

.....18....

To.....Lodge, No.....I. O. O. F.:

On the.....day of.....I received from..... an appeal from the action of your Lodge in matter of (state cause of appeal). The papers relating to the appeal not having been transmitted to

me within the time specified by law, you are hereby notified to forward the same to me within ten days from the receipt of this notice. Should I not receive them, it will be my unpleasant duty to proceed under Rule 3, Section IV, of the Code.

Fraternally,

.....Grand Secretary.

FORM 12.—OBLIGATION TO WITNESS TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE
CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE.

You do sincerely declare upon your honor as an Odd Fellow, that the evidence you shall give in the matter of charge preferred by..... against.....now pending, shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. Thus you do affirm.

SEC. 6. Notice of the expulsion, rejection and suspension of a member, with the cause thereof, except for non-payment of dues, shall be given by the Secretary forthwith, to the Grand Secretary.

SEC. 7. This lodge shall have a book, in which shall be entered the names of all persons rejected, suspended or expelled by this or any other lodge, of which they may have received due notice, with the date and cause of such suspension or expulsion.

ARTICLE VIII.

FUNDS AND PROPERTY.

SECTION 1. The funds and property of this Lodge shall be held exclusively as a Trust Fund to be devoted to no other purpose than the charitable uses of the I O. O. F., and expenditures legitimately made for Lodge purposes, and of the advancement of the interests of the Lodge or the Order. The funds may be invested from time to time, as the Lodge shall direct, but no part thereof, or of the Lodge property, or of proceeds of any sales of such property, shall ever be divided among the members; and in case of a surrender or forfeiture of the Lodge Charter, all the funds and property of the Lodge of whatsoever kind shall be immediately surrendered and delivered up to the Grand Lodge of this jurisdiction, or to its officers or agents properly authorized to receive them.

ARTICLE IX.

OFFENCES.

SECTION 1. No member of this lodge shall be concerned in organizing or visiting any illegal, spurious, expelled, extinct or suspended Lodge of Odd Fellows; nor paint on his sign any emblem of the Order, or otherwise exhibit any upon the same, or have any printed or engraved upon his business card, nor expose any in a public place as a sign; no member of this Lodge shall receive or put any motion from the Chair of the N. G., unless he be a present or past N. G. or V. G.

SEC. 2. This Lodge shall not have a public procession, unless to attend the funeral of a member, or have any public celebration of any kind, or get up any ball or public amusement in the name of the Order, or reinstate an expelled member of this lodge, without permission of the Grand Master.

ARTICLE X.

TERMS AND RETURNS.

SECTION 1. All terms shall commence on the first day of January and July, in each year, and end on the day the succeeding one commences.

SEC. 2. The officers for the term about expiring, shall prepare and deliver to the officer who shall install their successors on the form provided by the Grand Lodge for that purpose, the result of the elections, and a regular report of the work of the term, including the names of those initiated, admitted by card, and as an Ancient Odd Fellow; those suspended or expelled, and the cause thereof, and of those reinstated and deceased; the number of degrees conferred; the whole number in membership, and the amount of receipts, accompanied by whatever amount may be due to the Grand Lodge.

SECTION 3. In addition to the above, the officers for the term expiring on the first meeting in January, shall annually make to the Grand Lodge, on the form furnished, a full return of the members of the Lodge (except such as are more than one year in arrears or have been expelled) ranked according to the degrees attained, and a statement of the number of members relieved in the past year; the number of widowed families relieved; the number of members buried, the number of sisters buried, the amount of money applied to each of these purposes; the amount paid for the education of orphans; the amount paid for current expenses; the total value of the assets of the Lodge, together with the property report required by the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

SEC. 4. Should this Lodge fail to make any of its returns, as required by the two preceding sections, for one year, it shall thereby forfeit its charter and become extinct; and it shall be the duty of the G.M., or D.D.G.M., to withhold the A.T.P.W. and semi-annual P.W., until such returns are made, and the amount due to the Grand Lodge paid. And it shall be the duty of the last installed officers to transmit or surrender to the Grand Master or his Deputy, the charter, books, papers, furniture and funds of the lodge.

ARTICLE XI.

OF CARDS.

SECTION 1. Withdrawal Cards may be granted to members who are clear of the books, according to law, by a majority vote, by ballot, of the

members present when application is made. Should the lodge refuse to grant the card, the applicant, on tendering a written resignation of membership; and paying all dues, shall be entitled to receive from the Secretary a certificate under the seal of the lodge to that effect; and such certificate shall be sufficient evidence of good standing at the time of such resignation.

SEC. 2. Visiting Cards may be granted upon application in open Lodge, or they may be issued by the N.G. and Recording Secretary to members in good standing upon application in writing, but in either case the dues of the applicant must be paid up to the end of the time for which the card is granted, which time shall not exceed one year from the date of the card, and when the time has expired for which the card is granted it shall be returned to the lodge.

ARTICLE XII.

INTERPRETATION AND AMENDMENT.

SECTION 1. When any doubt arises as to the true meaning of any part of these Articles, it shall be determined by the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 2. These Articles, or any part thereof, shall not be altered, amended, suspended or annulled, except on motion made in the Grand Lodge, at a regular session, and carried by a two-third vote.

ARTICLE XIII.

OF BY-LAWS.

SECTION 1. This lodge may make, alter or rescind such By-laws Rules and Resolutions, from time to time, as may be deemed expedient; Provided, that they do not in any wise contravene this Constitution, or the Constitutions, By-laws, or regulations of the Grand Lodge of the Province of British Columbia, or of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

SEC. 2. The By-laws of this Lodge are in force from the time of their approval by the Committee on Laws of Subordinates, subject to the approval of the Grand Lodge; and the manuscript copy of such By-laws, and amendments thereto, shall, before being printed, be transmitted to the Grand Secretary in duplicate, to be submitted to the Committee on Laws of Subordinates for their approval. One copy shall be retained by the Grand Lodge and the other returned to the lodge certified as approved or otherwise.

TELEGRAPH CIPHER AND KEY.

House.—Is in our city, holding a Visiting Card from your lodge, and asking of us financial assistance.

Funds.—Shall we aid him, and draw on you to the extent of——?

Cash.—Is in our city asking financial assistance, and claims membership in your Lodge in good standing.

River.—Has your Lodge a member in good standing by the name of——?

Boat.—He is an expelled member and has not been in good standing for——.

White.—We don't know any such party, and he does not belong to our Lodge.

Grip.—Draw on us for the amount of expenses incurred.

Caution.—Look out for a fraud named ——.

Secretary.—He has a fraudulent card.

Final.—A member of your Lodge died here.

Black.—He is a fraud, and if he has a card or other papers from this Lodge they are forgeries.

Red.—Holding a Visiting Card from your Lodge died here.

Green.—Wire instructions to us at once as to the disposition of his remains.

Yellow.—Is in our city and very sick. Claims membership in your Lodge. Shall we give him attendance on your account?

Purple.—We think best to bury him there.

Lodge.—Forward remains to this place by——.

Regalia.—Assist him and we will honor draft to the extent of——.

Help.—Will your Lodge pay nurse hire, and how much per day?

CONSTITUTION

—OF—

REBEKAH DEGREE LODGES,

I. O. O. F., OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

ARTICLE I.

SECTION 1. This Lodge shall consist of at least five members, including one qualified to preside at its meetings; to be hailed and entitled.....Rebekah Lodge, No..... of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of British Columbia. It cannot voluntarily surrender its charter or dissolve so long as five members in good standing object thereto.

ARTICLE II.

OBJECTS AND PURPOSES.

The objects and purposes of this Lodge are:

1st. To aid in the establishment and maintenance of Homes for aged and indigent Odd Fellows and their wives, or for the widows of deceased Odd Fellows; and Homes for the care, education and support of orphans of deceased Odd Fellows.

2nd. To visit the sick, relieve the distressed, and in every way to assist Subordinate and Sister Rebekah Lodges in kindly ministrations to the families of Odd Fellows, who are in trouble or want.

3rd. To cultivate and extend the social and fraternal relations of life among Lodges and the families of Odd Fellows.

ARTICLE III.

MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION 1. The persons specified herein may become members of this Lodge upon proper application.

1. All persons who have received the Degree of Rebekah.
2. All Odd Fellows in good standing and their wives.
3. All unmarried white women who have attained the age of eighteen years.

All the foregoing must be free white persons, of good moral character and believe in a Supreme Being, the Creator and Preserver of the Universe, and be proposed in the Rebekah Lodge nearest his or her residence, unless the Lodge grant permission for joining another Lodge; *provided*, an applicant may be admitted into any Rebekah Lodge in the city or village in which he or she resides. The name of any person qualified as above offered for membership, with his or her age, residence and occupation, must be proposed by a member in writing, signed by the applicant, with the names of two persons as references attached, and entered upon the record. If the applicant be an Odd Fellow, or the wife of an Odd Fellow, the application must be accompanied by a certificate of such Odd Fellow's good standing in his Subordinate Lodge, under its seal, and signed by its Secretary. Such proposition shall be referred to a committee of three members for investigation, who shall report at the next regular meeting (unless further time be granted), when the candidate shall be balloted for with ball ballots, and if no more than two black balls shall appear, the candidate shall be declared elected; but if more than two black balls appear, the candidate shall be deemed rejected. Should black balls appear, the Lodge may by a majority vote, immediately retake the ballot, in order to verify the fact that black balls were, or were not, cast in error, but the Noble Grand nor Vice Grand shall not be required to state the number of black balls cast. Should the candidate be elected, he or she shall become a member on signing the Constitution and paying the dues provided by the By-laws. Applicants for membership by deposit of card (such card having been issued by a regularly constituted Rebekah Lodge), may be admitted in the same manner as provided for the admission of other members. *Provided*, that no certificate from a Subordinate Lodge, for a Sister applying for membership by deposit of card, is necessary.

SEC. 2. No reconsideration of an unfavorable ballot can be had, unless all the brothers and sisters who may have cast black balls against an applicant for membership voluntarily make a motion for a reconsideration of the ballot; provided such reconsideration be had within four regular meeting nights next succeeding such rejection; and in such case the vote on the reconsideration shall be taken by ball ballot, and if all the balls cast be in favor of it, the reconsideration shall be had; whereupon the application shall lie over until the succeeding meeting, when another ballot shall be had with ball ballots, and if the same be unanimously in favor of the applicant, he or she shall thereby be elected; but if one or more black balls appear in either ballot, the applicant shall be rejected; and in no case shall a reconsideration be had, except upon a voluntary motion of all those who cast black balls; and never more than one motion for a reconsideration in the same case shall be allowed. A favorable balloting can be reconsidered at any meeting prior

to the admission of the candidate, *provided*, a majority of the members present agree thereto.

SEC. 3. This Lodge shall confer the Degree of Rebekah only on such persons who apply for and are duly elected to membership therein.

SEC. 4. Candidates rejected in this Lodge may renew their application for membership therein at the expiration of six months after such rejection.

ARTICLE IV.

POWERS AND PRIVILEGES.

SECTION 1. This Lodge shall possess the powers and enjoy the privileges following:

CLAUSE 1. To confer the Degree of Rebekah on properly qualified applicants as hereinbefore specified.

CLAUSE 2. To elect and appoint its own officers in the manner prescribed by this Constitution and the By-laws of the Lodge.

CLAUSE 3. To hold regular and special meetings as provided by the By-laws.

CLAUSE 4. To fix and establish dues, to be paid monthly, quarterly, semi-annually, or annually, as the By-laws may provide: and to provide by By-laws, when those in arrears for dues for one year may be suspended for non-payment thereof.

CLAUSE 5. To pay and disburse from the funds of the Lodge, from time to time, as a majority of the members present shall by vote determine, for any of the declared purposes of this Degree as set forth in Article II.

CLAUSE 6. To establish such By-laws and Rules of Order, not inconsistent herewith, or with the rules, usages and general regulations of the Order, as it may deem proper; subject, however, to the approval of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

CLAUSE 7. To grant Withdrawal cards to members who are clear of the books, and on receipt of the price of the card. Members may apply in person, or by letter, for such cards. Should objection be offered for cause the Lodge may suspend issue of the card until an investigation is held. Visiting Cards shall be granted upon application in open Lodge, or they may be issued by the Noble Grand and Recording Secretary to members in good standing upon application in writing, but in either case the dues of the applicant must be paid up to the end of the time for which the card is granted, which time shall not exceed one year from the date of the card.

CLAUSE 8. To try charges preferred against members for the violation of the Constitution and By-laws of the Lodge, or the general rules, regulations and usages of the Order, as provided in the following sections:

SEC. 2. Any member who shall violate any of the principles of the Order, or offend against the Constitution, By-laws or Rules of Order of this Lodge, or the penal laws of the land, shall be fined, reprimanded, suspended, or expelled, as the By-laws may direct, or the Lodge determine.

SEC. 3. All members shall be entitled to a fair trial for any offence involving reprimand, suspension or expulsion. Members shall not be put upon trial, unless charges duly specifying the offence, so as to fully apprise them of the nature thereof, and to enable them to prepare for their defence, shall be submitted to the Lodge, in writing, and signed by a member of the Order, and a copy thereof, under seal of the Lodge, be served upon them.

SEC. 4. Such charges shall be referred to a committee of five members, who shall, without unnecessary delay, summon the parties and try the case. They shall keep full minutes of the evidence and of their proceedings, and report the same to the Lodge, with their verdict. A witness, if a member of the Order, shall give evidence on the honor of an Odd Fellow; if not a member of the Order, then on oath or affirmation, and the proceedings must state that such obligation or oath was administered. No testimony shall be taken without notice, or opportunity for cross-examination by the opposing party. Upon the report being made, notice thereof shall forthwith be given by the Secretary, to the party against whom the verdict is rendered, and he or she shall have two weeks in which to file exceptions. If no exceptions are filed within two weeks, the Lodge shall proceed to pronounce judgment upon the verdict and affix the penalty. An appeal from the judgment of the Lodge may be taken at any time within two weeks thereafter, to the Grand Lodge; and if no such appeal is taken, the judgment of the Lodge shall be final. When a bill of exception to the report of the committee is filed, as above provided, the Lodge may determine upon its merits, and either sustain the report of the committee, or refer the same back to the same or another committee, or grant a new trial. If the Lodge deems the exceptions not well taken, it shall proceed to pronounce its judgment and affix the penalty.

SEC. 5. If the accused refuse or neglect to stand trial, when duly summoned, the committee shall report him or her guilty of contempt of the Lodge, which report shall be conclusive, and the punishment shall be expulsion.

SEC. 6. If a specific penalty for an offence be provided in the Constitution or By-laws, the Noble Grand shall enforce it. If none be so

provided, the Lodge shall decide by paper ballot whether the penalty shall be expulsion, suspension or reprimand and fine. During the ballot, the accused shall withdraw from the Lodge-room. The ballot shall be first taken on expulsion, and if it shall appear that two-thirds of the ballots are cast for expulsion, such shall be the penalty. If two-thirds of the ballots are not cast for expulsion, then the Lodge shall proceed to ballot for suspension, and if two-thirds of the ballots are cast for suspension, suspension shall be the penalty, and the Lodge shall proceed to fix the duration of such suspension, *which shall not exceed one year*. If neither expulsion nor suspension is determined as the penalty as above provided, then the penalty shall be reprimand, fine, or both, to be determined by a majority ballot; if fine is determined upon, then the Lodge shall fix the amount, not exceeding ten dollars; if reprimand is decided upon, then the accused shall be reprimanded in open Lodge by the acting Noble Grand. No ballot held under this section shall be reconsidered. All fines imposed under this section shall be charged to the member's account, and considered, in determining his or her standing in the Lodge, as dues; and when the fine thus imposed, added to the dues, brings him or her under the penalty provided in the By-laws, he or she shall be notified, and allowed the usual time to make payment. In all cases, as above, if membership ceases, the member, prior to reinstatement, shall pay the whole amount of such fine and dues.

Sec. 7. When a member shall be subject to the penalty of reprimand, he or she shall be summoned to attend at some regular meeting, to be fixed by the Noble Grand, to be reprimanded from the chair of the Noble Grand; and until he or she so attend and be reprimanded, shall be suspended from all benefits and privileges of membership.

Sec. 8. An expelled member can be reinstated only after a proposition, reference, and election by ballot, as in the case of a newly proposed member, permission having first been obtained from the Grand Master. A member suspended for any cause, may be reinstated on the removal of the cause or the expiration of the term for which he or she was suspended, without action of the Lodge, and the Noble Grand shall declare in open Lodge his or her being reinstated.

Sec. 9. Any member intending to appeal from the action of the Lodge, either on a decision of law, or where charges have been preferred, shall file with the Secretary a notice of appeal and the grounds thereof; upon which the Secretary shall forthwith send the notice or a true copy of the same, together with a certified copy of all charges, reports, evidence, and proceedings of the Lodge relating to the case to the Grand Secretary, to be presented to the Committee on Appeals of the Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE V.

OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The elective officers of this Lodge shall consist of a Noble Grand, Vice Grand, Secretary and Treasurer, and if so provided in the By-laws, a Financial Secretary. *Provided*, that no member shall hold any two of said offices at the same time, except that of Secretary and Financial Secretary. The Lodge may also elect Trustees to have charge of its funds.

SEC. 2. The appointed officers shall consist of a Warden, Conductor, Outside Guardian, Inside Guardian, Right and Left Supporters of Noble Grand, and a Chaplain who shall be appointed by the Noble Grand, and Right and Left Supporters of Vice Grand, who shall be appointed by the Vice Grand.

SEC. 3. Any member of the Lodge in good standing shall be eligible to any office in the Lodge provided that no member shall be eligible to the office of Noble Grand unless he or she shall have served a term in the office of Vice G and in a Rebekah Lodge. To be eligible to the office of Vice Grand a member must have served a term in some elective or appointed office in a Rebekah Lodge, other than Trustee.

SEC. 4. All officers shall hold their offices for six months, except the Financial Secretary, and Trustees, who shall hold office as provided in the By-laws.

SEC. 5. All officers shall be clear of all pecuniary charges on the books at the time of installation.

SEC. 6. Nominations for elective officers shall be made only on the two meetings immediately preceding that of the regular election, except when the nominees for an office all decline.

SEC. 7. Officers shall be elected at the first regular meeting in June and December of each year, and be installed at the first regular meeting in January and July of each year, *provided* the installing officer be present; if absent, the Lodge may, by vote, defer it until the next regular meeting, or call a special meeting for the purpose, at the request of the District Deputy Grand Master.

SEC. 8. Any officer being absent from the Lodge for three successive meetings, except in case of sickness, or any officer for misconduct or neglect as such, may be removed by a vote of two-thirds of the members voting at the next meeting after a resolution therefor has been offered in the Lodge.

SEC. 9. Vacancies in any elective office may be filled by the Lodge by nomination and election at the next regular meeting after nominating, and until so filled, the N.G. shall appoint a member to the office *pro tem*.

SEC. 10. The duties of the various officers shall be as laid down in the charges of office, and as specified by this Constitution and the By-laws of the Lodge.

SEC. 11. The N.G., or member acting as such, shall appoint the majority, and the V.G., or member acting as such, the minority of all committees on candidates and charges.

ARTICLE VI.

FUNDS AND PROPERTY.

SECTION 1. The funds and property of this Lodge shall be held exclusively as a Trust Fund, to be devoted to no other purpose than the charitable uses of the I. O. O. F., and expenditures legitimately made for Lodge purposes and the advancement of the interests of the Lodge or the Order. The funds may be invested from time to time as the Lodge shall direct; but no part thereof, or of the Lodge property, or the proceeds of any sales of such property, shall ever be divided among the members, and in case of a surrender or forfeiture of the Lodge Charter, all the funds and property of the Lodge of whatsoever kind shall be immediately surrendered and delivered up to the Grand Lodge of this jurisdiction, or to its officers or agents properly authorized to receive them.

ARTICLE VII.

TERMS.

SECTION 1. All terms shall commence on the first day of January and July in each year, and end on the day on which the succeeding one commences.

ARTICLE VIII.

RETURNS.

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the officers for the term about expiring on 31st December of each year to prepare for the Grand Lodge and deliver to the Installing Officer a regular report of the work of the year ending as aforesaid, in accordance with the blanks furnished by the Grand Lodge and authenticated by their signatures and the seal of the Lodge. And no Lodge shall be entitled to have its officers installed, or to receive the Pass-words, until these returns are completed and delivered to the Installing Officer.

ARTICLE IX.

BY-LAWS.

SECTION 1. This Lodge may make, alter or rescind such By-laws, Rules and Resolutions; from time to time, as may be deemed expedient; *provided*, that they do not in anywise contravene this Constitution, or the Constitutions, By-laws, or Regulations of the Grand Lodge of the Province of British Columbia, or of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

SEC. 2. The By-laws of this Lodge shall be in force from the time of their approval by the Committee on Laws of Subordinates subject to the approval of the Grand Lodge, and manuscript copies of such By-laws before being printed, and copies of all alterations and amendments shall be transmitted to the Grand Secretary, in duplicate, to be submitted to the Committee on Laws of Subordinates; one copy shall be retained on file in the Grand Secretary's office, and the other returned to the Lodge with the decision of the Committee noted thereon.

ARTICLE X.

AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION.

This Constitution shall not be altered, amended, suspended, or annulled except on motion made in the Grand Lodge at a regular session, and carried by a two thirds vote.

ABSTRACT OF REPORTS OF

UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH

NAME AND NUMBER OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	NIGHT OF MEETING.	Initiated.	Admitted by Card.	Admitted as Ancient Odd Fellow.	Reinstated.	Error last Report.	Withdrawn.
Victoria, No. 1.....	Victoria..	Monday ..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Columbia, No. 2.....	do	Wednesd'y	4	1	..	1	..	..
New Westminster, No. 3.	New Westm'r..	Friday.....	2	..	..	..	..	..
Dominion, No. 4.....	Victoria..	Thursday...	3	..	..	..	..	..
Black Diamond, No. 5...	Nanaimo	Wednesd'y	..	..	..	..	..	..
Harmony, No. 6.....	Wellington....	Monday	3	..	..	1	..	..
Excelsior, No. 7.....	Chilliwack....	Tuesday....	..	..	..	..	..	..
Vancouver, No. 8.....	Vancouver	Friday.....	5	..	1	..	..	..
Tatnai, No. 9.....	Kamloops.....	Monday	..	..	..	1	1	..
Western Star, No. 10...	Vancouver	Thursday...	9	2	1	..	..	..
Union, No. 11.....	Union.....	Friday.....	3	..	..	..	..	..
Selkirk, No. 12.....	Donald.....	Thursday...	2	..	..	..	..	..
Royal City, No. 13....	New Westm'r..	Thursday...	1	..	..	..	..	1
Acme, No. 14.....	Victoria.....	Monday.....	2	..	..	..	..	..
Cloverdale, No. 15.....	Cloverdale....	Saturday....	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kootenay, No. 16.....	Nelson.....	Monday.....	1	..	..	..	..	1
Duncan, No. 17.....	Duncan.....	Saturday....	2	..	..	..	..	..
Vernon Valley, No. 18..	Vernon.....	Tuesday....	3	1	..	..	..	3
Mount Pleasant, No. 19..	Mt. Pleasant...	Friday.....	1	..	..	..	..	5
Centennial, No. 20.....	Nanaimo	Monday.....	5	..	..	1	..	..
Delta, No. 21.....	Ladner.....	Monday.....	1	..	..	..	..	..
Gold Range, No. 22.....	North Bend....	Saturday....	1	..	..	..	..	1
Ashcroft, No. 23.....	Ashcroft	Saturday....	..	..	..	..	..	1
Island, No. 24.....	Eburne.....	Tuesday....	2	..	..	..	..	..
Revelstoke, No. 25.....	Revelstoke....	Thursday...	2	..	..	..	..	1
Pacific, No. 26.....	Vancouver....	Monday.....	6	..	..	..	..	..
Amity, No. 27.....	New Westm'r..	Monday.....	2	..	..	2	..	3
Cheam, No. 28.....	Agassiz.....	Saturday....	1	..	..	..	..	..
Perseverance, No. 29...	Northfield....	Tuesday....	..	..	..	..	..	..
Friendship, No. 30.....	Nanaimo	Friday.....	1	..	..	..	..	..
Banner, No. 31.....	Wellington....	Wednesd'y	4	..	..	..	..	1
Mission City, No 32....	Mission City...	Saturday....	..	..	..	..	..	1
Peerless, No. 33.....	Victoria..	Friday.....	2	..	..	..	..	..
Rocky Mountain, No. 34.	Golden.....	Wednesd'y	3	..	..	..	..	..
Cedar, No. 35.....	Cedar District..	Saturday....	3	..	..	..	..	..
Rossland, No. 36.....	Rossland	Monday.....	17	7	1	..	..	..
Carson, No. 37.....	Carson City...	Saturday....	18	5	..	..	..	..
			109	16	3	6	1	18

SUBORDINATE LODGES.

COLUMBIA, FOR THE HALF-YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1896.

Withdrawn.										RECEIPTS.			Total.
	Expelled.	Resigned.	Deceased.	Ceased Membership by N. P. D.	Error last Report.	Total Number of Members.	Rejected.	Degrees Conferred.	Past Grands.	Dues.	Admis's and Degrees.	Rents and Invested Funds.	
	1	3	6			134		3	36	\$ 834 75	\$ 10 00	\$ 896 48	\$ 1971 23
		1	8			161		13	35	886 75	143 00	559 27	1693 27
	1	1				124		6	25	635 25	44 00		682 25
		1				110		6	29	447 75	50 00	145 30	643 05
						135			25	511 00		1231 00	1742 00
		1	5			141		9	20	791 75	111 00	664 05	1717 30
			13			30			14	158 80			158 80
		1	13			116		9	15	552 00	128 00		1324 45
		1	2			66		1	12	338 00	27 00	376 33	1502 96
			4			175		15	20	921 00	196 00	60 40	1198 15
			1			67		9	13	401 00	85 00	138 00	624 50
			3			71		6	12	636 00	60 00	125 00	836 45
1						80	1	3	12	395 15	32 00	84 00	827 75
		2				97		5	15	457 25	36 00	7 00	509 00
		4				35			9	185 00		5 00	195 00
						42			8	245 50	66 00	38 00	528 50
						47		6	8	245 00	60 00	61 00	366 00
			7			34		12	8	208 00	116 00		334 00
3						38		3	9	228 00	20 00	157 75	427 50
5		1				114		13	12	667 00	120 00		789 50
						47			8	179 50	10 00	31 00	220 50
1			6			35		1	6	207 00	10 00	27 60	248 60
1		1				34	1		6	170 50		48 00	274 25
			3			34		6	4	180 45	40 00		279 30
						30		4	4	230 42	45 00	89 00	382 40
1			8			253		23	4	1346 50	145 00		1499 50
3		1				177		6	5	878 00	50 00		1040 25
		2	2			56			4	275 00	10 00	103 75	388 75
			5			29			4	184 00			184 00
	1		6			54		8	2	284 00	38 00		361 55
				1		90		27	3	464 50	165 00	31 00	677 80
		1				24			4	133 65		3 50	137 15
			14			154		8	5	825 00	45 00	13 16	883 16
						37		6	2	159 50	76 00	103 00	359 00
			1			46	1	3	2	241 20	27 50		387 70
						25		32	1	10 00	345 00		355 00
						23			1	5 00	475 00		480 00
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ABSTRACT OF REPORTS OF
UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH

NAME AND NUMBER OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	NIGHT OF Meeting.	Initiations.	Admitted by Card.	Admitted as An- cient Odd Fellow.	Reinstated.	Error Last Report.	Withdrawn.
Victoria, No. 1.....	Victoria..	Monday...	3			1		
Columbia, No. 2.....	Victoria..	Wednesd'y	3		1			1
New Westminster, No. 3.	New West'r.	Friday.....	1					
Dominion, No. 4.....	Victoria...	Thursday...	1					
Black Diamond, No. 5.	Nanaimo ..	Wednesd'y	1					
Harmony, No. 6.....	Wellington	Monday.....						
Excelsior, No. 7.....	Chilliwack..	Tuesday....						
Vancouver, No. 8.....	Vancouver.	Friday.....	2			2		1
Tatnai, No. 9.....	Kamloops..	Monday.....	3	1				
Western Star, No. 10...	Vancouver.	Thursday...	3	1				
Union, No. 11.....	Union.....	Friday.....						
Selkirk, No. 12.....	Donald.....	Thursday...	3					
Royal City, No. 13.....	New West'r.	Thursday...						
Acme, No. 14.....	Victoria..	Monday.....	1					1
Cloverdale, No. 15.....	Cloverdale..	Saturday....				1		
Kootenay, No. 16.....	Nelson.....	Monday.....	4					2
Duncan, No. 17.....	Duncan....	Saturday....						
Vernon Valley, No. 18...	Vernon.....	Tuesday....	1					8
Mount Pleasant, No. 19.	Mt. Pls'nt, Van.	Friday.....	1					1
Centennial, No. 20.....	Nanaimo ..	Monday.....	1			1		
Delta, No. 21.....	Ladner.....	Monday.....	1	1				
Gold Range, No. 22.....	North Bend..	Saturday....	1					
Ashcroft, No. 23.....	Ashcroft....	Saturday....						
Island, No. 24.....	Eburne.....	Tuesday....	2			1		
Revelstoke, No. 25.....	Revelstoke..	Thursday...	4	1				
Pacific, No. 26.....	Vancouver.	Monday.....	3	1				
Amity, No. 27.....	New West'r.	Monday.....						
Cheam, No. 28.....	Agassiz.....	Saturday....	1					2
Perseverance, No. 29...	Northfield..	Tuesday....					1	
Friendship, No. 30.....	Nanaimo ..	Friday.....						
Banner, No. 31.....	Wellington	Wednesd'y	1					1
Mission City, No. 32...	Mission City	Saturday....						
Peerless, No. 33.....	Victoria...	Friday.....	1				1	
Rocky Mountain, No. 34.	Golden.....	Wednesd'y	6					
Cedar, No. 35.....	Cedar Dist..	Saturday....	4					
Rossland, No. 36.....	Rossland....	Monday.....	14	1				
Carson, No. 37.....	Carson City	Saturday....	5	1				
			69	10	1	6	2	12

SUBORDINATE LODGES.

COLUMBIA, FOR THE HALF-YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1896.

Withdrawn.	Error Last Report.	Expelled.	Resigned.	Deceased.	Ceased Membership by N. P. D.	Error Last Report.	Total No. of Members	Rejected.	Degrees Conferred.	Past Grands.	RECEIPTS.			
											Dues	Adms'ns and Degrees.	Rents and Invested Funds	Total.
1		1	2	3			155		4 36	\$ 715 00	\$ 56 00	\$ 780 00	\$ 1723 40	
			2	4			158		4 35	884 00	81 00	630 33	1596 58	
				20			105		3 26	464 00	29 00		572 00	
				7			104		1 28	569 25	19 50	145 30	772 05	
			1	11			124		6 25	860 00	42 50	1153 00	2057 50	
				6			135		20	775 00	18 00	660 40	1474 15	
1			1	1	1		28		15	150 15			150 15	
		1	1	8			109		7 16	579 00	86 00		906 50	
				4	1		65		4 12	332 75	76 00	154 00	661 75	
			2				178		18 22	853 75	129 00		1085 50	
							67		14	264 80		68 00	522 80	
				1			73		6 13	534 25	80 00	8 50	643 00	
1				8			72		13	333 00		13 44	356 29	
		1		20			76		5 13	377 60	30 50	16 00	424 10	
2				1	1		34		10	236 00		8 00	267 30	
			1				43		9 8	285 00	114 00	16 50	596 00	
3				5			42		10	252 00		50 25	319 25	
1				8			24		6	141 75	5 00	50 00	201 75	
				4			34		7	142 00	8 00	141 00	372 95	
				11			105		6 13	570 00	40 00	20 75	640 75	
				14			35		5 8	239 50	25 00	35 00	301 00	
							36		5 7	135 00	50 00	4 50	191 00	
							34		7	152 00		80 00	232 50	
			2				33	1	5 5	315 00	30 00	31 00	376 00	
							35		9 5	255 70	135 00	12 00	402 70	
				17			240	1	9 5	1324 60	40 00		1409 15	
2			1	17			159		3 6	874 25	12 00		915 75	
1				1			48		6 5	230 00	40 00	88 90	416 90	
			1	1			28		4	205 00			240 00	
				8			46	1	3	232 00			240 00	
		1		7			82		1 5	464 00	10 00		474 50	
				2			22		4	40 00		19 50	59 50	
							156		2 6	710 75	11 00	11 04	737 79	
							43		16 3	229 50	171 00		480 25	
							50		19 3	327 50	75 00		402 50	
							40	1	66 2	245 00	291 00		609 50	
							29		6 1	137 50	120 00	5 00	262 50	
3 2 12							8 1 12	190	3 2829	4 225 421	\$ 15436 60	\$ 1824 50	\$ 4152 41	\$ 23045 31

ABSTRACT OF THE
OF SUBORDINATE LODGES—GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH

NAME AND NO. OF LODGE		No. of Brothers Relieved.	No. of Widowed Families Relieved.	No. of Brothers Buried.	No. of Weeks Sick Benefits Paid.	Relief of Brothers	Relief of Widow'd Families.
Victoria	Lodge, No. 1.....	22	1	5	406	\$ 2306 00	\$ 120 00
Columbia	" " 2.....	27	..	2	163	1357 00	.....
N. Westminster	" " 3.....	9	1	1	101	688 50	27 45
Dominion	" " 4.....	19	1	..	176	1743 00	10 00
Black Diamond	" " 5.....	13	2	1	96	917 50	80 00
Harmony	" " 6.....	22	..	1	215	1636 50	.....
Excelsior	" " 7.....	1	..	1	..	56 00	.....
Vancouver	" " 8.....	9	..	2	47	336 00	.....
Tatnai	" " 9.....	8	1	1	106	1035 00	.....
Western Star	" " 10.....	19	2	2	98	850 00	335 00
Union	" " 11.....	6	..	..	85	488 50	.....
Selkirk	" " 12.....	14	..	..	144	1134 00	.....
Royal City	" " 13.....	6	..	..	9	72 50	.....
Acme	" " 14.....	12	3	2	100	657 40	100 00
Cloverdale	" " 15.....	3	..	..	3	12 00	.....
Kootenay	" " 16.....	4	..	1	18	153 00	.....
Duncan	" " 17.....	4	..	..	8	80 00	.....
Vernon Valley	" " 18.....	1	..	..	3	30 00	.....
Mt. Pleasant	" " 19.....	8	..	1	20	180 00	.....
Centennial	" " 20.....	8	..	..	32	225 00	.....
Delta	" " 21.....	6	..	..	37	314 00	.....
Gold Range	" " 22.....	8	..	..	44	357 83	.....
Ashcroft	" " 23.....	..	..	..	..	.....	.....
Island	" " 24.....	3	..	..	16	168 00	.....
Revelstoke	" " 25.....	4	..	..	32	323 00	.....
Pacific	" " 26.....	35	..	..	203	1971 38	.....
Amity	" " 27.....	23	..	1	91	739 86	.....
Cheam	" " 28.....	8	..	..	29	220 00	.....
Perseverance	" " 29.....	3	..	1	21	190 00	.....
Friendship	" " 30.....	5	..	..	36	300 00	.....
Banner	" " 31.....	15	1	..	88	777 50	20 00
Mission City	" " 32.....	5	..	..	15	90 00	.....
Peerless	" " 33.....	22	..	..	123	1059 00	.....
Rocky Mount'n	" " 34.....	..	..	..	..	.....	.....
Cedar	" " 35.....	8	..	..	29	227 50	.....
Rossland	" " 36.....	1	..	..	4	24 00	.....
Carson	" " 37.....	2	..	..	3	22 50	.....
		363	12	32	2601	\$20742 47	\$ 712 45

ANNUAL RELIEF REPORTS.

COLUMBIA, I. O. O. F., FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st Dec., 1896.

TOTAL PAID FOR.						Total Assets
Relief of Orphans	Burying the Dead	Educat'n of Orh'ns	Special Relief	Total Relief Paid	Current Expenses	
\$	\$ 370 00	\$	\$ 409 75	\$ 3205 75	\$ 604 90	\$ 36388 24
.....	220 00	.....	47 00	1624 00	792 37	35000 00
.....	75 00	55 00	210 00	1055 95	150 10	498 00
.....	.....	.....	39 00	1792 00	416 38	10000 00
129 50	170 00	.....	267 00	1564 00	685 50	27500 00
.....	87 00	.....	.....	1723 50	1617 90	9947 49
.....	50 00	.....	.....	106 00	55 00	2650 00
.....	185 00	.....	10 00	531 00	923 75	6512 88
.....	75 00	.....	.....	1110 00	496 60	4458 61
.....	120 00	.....	75 00	1400 00	671 14	4730 18
.....	.....	.....	57 35	545 85	743 60	2100 31
.....	.....	.....	27 00	1161 00	260 65	3303 22
.....	35 00	.....	10 00	117 50	476 95	2642 34
.....	120 00	.....	.....	877 40	395 45	946 47
.....	.....	.....	.....	12 00	193 90	2350 20
.....	75 00	.....	35 00	263 00	248 00	2040 00
.....	.....	.....	10 00	90 00	371 40	2000 00
.....	.....	.....	.....	30 00	325 00	881 90
.....	60 00	.....	.....	240 00	362 55	1000 00
.....	.....	.....	.....	225 00	497 75	3836 33
.....	.....	.....	.....	314 00	202 55	1039 41
.....	.....	.....	.....	357 83	63 30	1591 36
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	244 12	2147 15
.....	.....	.....	5 00	173 00	132 00	1442 00
.....	.....	.....	.....	323 00	304 78	1040 00
.....	30 00	.....	8 25	2009 63	839 55	5214 78
.....	75 00	.....	.....	814 86	661 47	8147 31
.....	75 59	.....	.....	295 59	184 65	1670 45
.....	75 00	.....	25 00	290 00	155 50	377 45
.....	.....	.....	77 37	377 37	172 20	978 00
.....	.....	.....	.....	797 50	417 57	1208 12
.....	.....	.....	.....	90 00	65 40	500 00
.....	.....	.....	.....	1059 00	608 20	1448 00
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	117 12	1330 04
.....	.....	.....	30 00	257 50	150 40	1058 95
.....	.....	.....	.....	24 00	716 10	571 20
.....	16 90	.....	.....	39 40	220 40	482 70
\$ 129 50	\$ 1914 49	\$ 55 00	\$ 1342 72	\$ 24896 63	\$ 15544 20	\$ 184233 09

ELECTIVE OFFICERS OF
OF THE GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA,

NAME AND NUMBER OF LODGE.		Location.	Noble Grand.
Victoria	Lodge, No. 1	Victoria	E. Shaper
Columbia	" " 2	Victoria	J. S. Smith
N. Westminster	" " 3	New Westm'r	R. L. Reid
Dominion	" " 4	Victoria	F. Kermod
Black Diamond	" " 5	Nanaimo	R. Gillard
Harmony	" " 6	Wellington	J. Woods
Excelsior	" " 7	Chilliwack	J. C. Henderson, P.G.
Vancouver	" " 8	Vancouver	Thos. Wheeling
Tatnai	" " 9	Kamloops	H. McLean
Western Star	" " 10	Vancouver	W. G. Elliot
Union	" " 11	Union	J. Fulcher
Selkirk	" " 12	Donald	W. E. Woodhouse
Royal City	" " 13	New Westm'r	D. Walker
Acme	" " 14	Victoria	E. Billingsley
Cloverdale	" " 15	Cloverdale	A. N. Anderson
Kootenay	" " 16	Nelson	S. P. Shaw
Duncan	" " 17	Duncan	J. H. Blythe
Vernon Valley	" " 18	Vernon	J. Bond
Mt. Pleasant	" " 19	Mt. Pleasant	J. Hutson
Centennial	" " 20	Nanaimo	R. Bell
Delta	" " 21	Ladner's	
Gold Range	" " 22	North Bend	C. Barry
Ashcroft	" " 23	Ashcroft	J. W. Burr, P.G.
Island	" " 24	Eburne	C. O. P. Olts
Revelstoke	" " 25	Revelstoke	R. S. Wilson
Pacific	" " 26	Vancouver	H. J. Rickard
Amity	" " 27	New Westm'r	W. C. Calhoun
Cheam	" " 28	Agassiz	R. McDonald
Friendship	" " 30	Nanaimo	W. F. Norris
Banner	" " 31	Wellington	T. Bryant
Peerless	" " 33	Victoria	H. Siddall
Rocky Mount'n	" " 34	Golden	C. A. Warren, P.G.
Cedar	" " 35	Cedar District	J. G. Petherick
Rossland	" " 36	Rossland	J. Edgren
Carson	" " 37	Carson City	J. McLaren
Bound'y Valley	" " 38	Greenwood	R. Smailes
Silver City	" " 39	Sandon	H. C. Holden
Slocan	" " 40	Slocan City	A. Teeter

SUBORDINATE LODGES,

I. O. O. F., FOR THE TERM COMMENCING 1ST JULY, 1897.

Vice Grand.	Recording Secretary	Treasurer.	Permanent Secretary
J. E. Sabine...	F. Davey, P.G.	A. Stewart, P.G.	F. Davey, P.G.
W. Adams...	R. W. Fawcett, P.G.	A. Henderson, P.G.	W. Jackson...
R. Sample...	F. Furness	J. E. Phillips, P.G.M.	
A. Meyer...	T. Bamford, P.G.	P. A. Babington, P.G.	T. Bamford, P.G.
W. H. Lemin...	W. H. Morton, P.G.	J. Crossan, P.G.M.	W. H. Morton, P.G.
J. Glen...	T. F. Haggart, P.G.	H. Mitchell, P.G.	T. F. Haggart, P.G.
S. Mellard...	J. H. Ashwell, P.G.		
G. Walker...	C. W. McCain	S. Hollander	W. E. Johnstone, P.G.
W. J. McIver...	E. T. W. Pearse, P.G.	M. P. Gordon	E. T. W. Pearse, P.G.
J. L. McTaggart	H. McDonald	A. Parker, P.G.	C. H. Monat, P.G.
M. Piersey...	F. A. Anley, P.G.	R. Cessford, P.G.	F. A. Anley, P.G.
J. McLeod...	J. Mathie, P.G.	A. W. Denman	J. Mathie, P.G.
J. Perdue...	W. H. Lewis, P.G.	M. Phillips	W. H. Lewis, P.G.
C. D. Christie...	S. W. Edwards, P.G.	J. E. Church, P.G.	O. Chislett.
R. Collishaw...	H. T. Thrift, P.G.	J. I. Breen	H. T. Thrift, P.G.
E. C. Traves...	M. J. McGrath, P.G.		
D. R. Hattie...	J. M. Campbell	C. H. Dickie, P.G.	J. M. Campbell
H. W. Knight...	D. McIntyre	F. B. Jacques, P.G.	J. E. Matheson
F. J. Hart...	G. A. Miller	J. G. Johnstone	R. Hoar
W. Crossan...	F. S. Whiteside, P.G.	W. H. Thorpe	F. S. Whiteside, P.G.
J. Malcom...	H. Cancellor	J. Z. Choate, P.G.	H. Cancellor
J. B. Bryson...	W. Shaw, P.G.	W. D. Fearn, P.G.	W. Shaw, P.G.
H. Trotter...	D. E. McKay	S. Churchill	W. H. Gregory
W. Sargent...	T. J. Graham	J. T. Woodrow	T. J. Graham
J. Ramsay...	T. S. Brown	G. R. Simpson	H. M. Henderson
D. McPherson...	E. W. C. Cotham	G. Adams	E. L. Webber
H. L. Calvert...	H. Fooks, P.G.	A. T. Hubbard	H. Fooks, P.G.
R. Booth...	W. McGirr, P.G.	R. Adam	W. McGirr, P.G.
S. Thompson...	F. W. Hawes	M. Matheson	F. W. Hawes
G. B. Harrison...	T. Waller, P.G.	W. R. Mackintosh, P.G.	T. Waller, P.G.
P. R. White...	J. Jackson	J. McHattie	D. McRae
W. Richards...	J. Hunter	H. N. McDonald	
J. R. Jones...	J. Jackson, Jr.	J. Langholm	J. Jackson, Jr.
P. B. Nelson...	C. A. Coulson	O. B. Nelson, P.G.	C. A. Coulson
W. M. Law...	W. J. Harber	M. J. Phelan	W. B. Paton
F. C. Sewell...	M. L. Grimmett	D. McKinnon	A. G. Brown
Hauck	T. B. Linton	W. Clough	W. Meldrum

ABSTRACT OF THE REPORTS OF REBEKAH LODGES.

CHAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, I. O. O. F., FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1896.

Name and No. of Lodge.	Location.	Night of Meeting	Members admitted during the year.		Total Number of Members.		Receipts.	Payments.		Assets.
			Brothers.	Sisters.	Brothers.	Sisters.		Relief of Mem'rs.	Lodge Expenses.	
Colfax, No. 1	Victoria.....	2nd and 4th Tuesdays...	1	3	26	37	\$ 140 75	\$ 123 05	\$ 173 60	
Mizpah, " 2	Vancouver.....	1st and 3rd Tuesdays....	18	17	100	81	310 75	6 00	228 95	627 81
Miriam, " 3	Nanaimo	Every alternate Tuesday	8	12	14	53	168 50	47 00	441 70	47 03
Ruth, " 4	Chilliwack..	" " Monday	.....	.....	19	19	15 00	.....	16 00	11 00
Beulah, " 5	New Westminster..	2nd and 4th Tuesdays..	3	3	32	36	128 00	5 00	189 65	511 27
Alpine, " 6	New Westminster..	2nd and 4th Wednesdays	5	7	.....	10	65 50	5 00	69 50	.....
Bethel, " 7	Mt. Pleasant..	2nd and 4th Tuesdays..	.....	2	16	9	40 75	.....	36 45	5 25
Laurel, " 8	Wellington...	2nd and 4th Thursdays..	6	24	44	64	212 75	10 00	212 55	69 20
Fidelity, " 9	Ladners.....	1st and 3rd Saturdays...	14	9	14	9	60 75	.....	46 05	14 70
Esther, " 10	Union..	Every alternate Thu'sd'y	25	28	24	28	116 75	5 00	62 95	48 80
			80	105	289	346	\$ 1259 30	\$ 78 00	\$ 1426 85	\$ 1508 66

GRAND LODGE OF B. C., I. O. O. F., FOR THE TERM COMMENCING 1ST JULY, 1897.

Name & Number of Lodge.	Noble Grand.	Vice Grand.	Recording Secretary.	Treasurer.	Financial Secretary.
Colfax, No. 1	Sister Mrs. Dempster.	Sister Mrs. Phillips.	Sister Mrs. J. Grant.	Sister Mrs. Glover	Sis. Mrs. J. Grant
Mizpah, " 2	Sister W. Beer.	Sister Simpson.	Sister Hanna.	Mrs. Anderson.	Mrs. G. Norris.
Miriam, " 3	Mrs. W. Marshall.	Mrs. J. Humphries.	Miss Fulton.	Sister Thiles.	Sister Barklett.
Ruth, " 4	Sister Logan.	Sister Insley.	Sister Foulds.	Sister McDonald.	Mrs. W. Thompson
Beulah, " 5	Sister Buchanan.	Sister Miss O'Dell.	Sister Muir.	Sister B. Dee.	Sister L. Richards.
Bethel, " 7	Sister A. Kirkwood.	Sister Grieve.	Sister L. Stevens.		
Laurel, " 9					
Fidelity, " 10					
Esther, " 11					
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GRAND LODGE OF MASTERS, CALIFORNIA, I. O. O. F.

W. H. Sawyer, Grand Master	W. D. Shepard,
H. H. Wood, Deputy Grand Master	Vice
E. O. Daynes, Grand Treasurer	Recorder
Samuel Sawyer, Grand Secretary	Orator and Visiting
W. W. Sawyer, Grand Marshal	Editor
W. H. Sawyer, Grand Treasurer	W. W. Sawyer,
E. O. Daynes, Grand Representative	Recorder
E. H. Sawyer, Grand Representative	Orator
H. H. Wood, Grand Chaplain	Secretary
A. Wood, Grand Marshal	Orator
W. H. Sawyer, Grand Guardian	Recorder
D. H. Sawyer, Grand Conductor	W. W. Sawyer,
W. H. Sawyer, Grand Marshal	Recorder

The Next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia will be held at New Westminster, commencing Wednesday the 30th of June, 1908.

SUPPLIES

The following rates will be charged for Supplies of Officers on which must be shown on the Secretary's list the Seal of the Lodge and be accompanied by the necessary amount to pay the same:

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